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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Receipts and Expenditures
OF THE
TOWN OF BRAINTREE
FROM
Dec. 31, 1914 to Dec. 31, 1915

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE
TOWN CLERK, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE
POOR AND HIGHWAY SURVEYORS, TOWN TREASURER,
ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT, WATER COM-
MISSIONERS, BOARD OF HEALTH, MUNICIPAL
LIGHT BOARD, TRUSTEES OF THE THAYER
PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND OF THE BOARD
OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Braintree, January 1, 1915.

In accordance with the usual custom the Town Clerk submits the following report:

TOWN RECORDS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections therein, to meet at the polling places in their respective Precincts, to wit:

Polling place in Precinct No. 1 Town Hall.

Polling place in Precinct No. 2 Hose House,
Hollis Avenue.

Polling place in Precinct No. 3 Hose House,
Allen Street.

On Monday, the first day of March, 1915, at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in to the Wardens of their respective Precincts their votes on the official ballot for a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, one member of the Board of Assessors for a term of three years, three Overseers of the Poor, three Highway Surveyors, three Auditors, three Fence Viewers, a Tax Collector, a Tree Warden, two members of the Board of School Committee for a term of three years, one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years, one Water Commissioner and Commissioner of Sinking Funds for a term of three years, one Electric Light Commissioner for a term of three years, two Trustees for Thayer Public Library for a term of two years, and fifteen Constables.

Also to vote "Yes" or "No" upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be opened at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, and will be closed at one thirty o'clock p.m.

You are further directed to notify and warn said inhabitants qualified to vote as aforesaid to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree on Monday, the eighth day of March, 1915, at seven and one-half o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all other Town Officers except those elected by ballot.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will hold its Treasurer harmless on his bond from any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of the several boards of Town Officers and of any committee, and to choose any committee the Town may think proper.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of the Town Officers and the expenses of the several departments, including the bond of the Town Treasurer and the bond of the Tax Collector.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Registration and Elections.

TOWN HALL.

Article 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Town Hall, and for the services of a Janitor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Article 9. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries and expenses of its Police Department and for the necessary expenses required for the enforcement of the law.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of Court expenses.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Article 11. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Fire Department and for hydrant service.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extra pay of firemen.

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of new hose.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for painting hose wagon No. 3.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a concrete platform at Hose House No. 2, Hollis Avenue.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase, or take the Union School and lot as a site for a Central Fire Station.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build and furnish a Central Fire Station on the lot now occupied by the Union School.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to build a central fire station near the centre of the Town and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 19. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Fire Alarm System.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for three new Fire Alarm boxes.

INSPECTION.

Article 21. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sealing of Weights and Measures.

FORESTRY.

Article 22. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths, care of Trees, and Forest Fires.

HEALTH.

Article 23. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries and expenses of the Board of Health; also for Vital Statistics and for the Inspection of Milk, Animals, Slaughtering, Provisions and Plumbing, and care of dumps.

SANITATION.

Article 24. To see if the Town will build a drain on Mt. Vernon Avenue and Washington Street to the Sherbrooke Avenue drain and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 25. To see if the Town will build a drain on Railroad Street and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to extend the drain on Franklin Street, from near Summer Street, to Azel Road, so-called, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

HIGHWAYS.

Article 27. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Highway Department, repairs of highways, town ways and bridges, also for repairs and building sidewalks, stone roads, removal of snow, watering and oiling streets, and street lighting; also for the purchase of a road roller.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars to be expended in accordance with petitions under Chapter 47 of the Revised Laws, Chapter 279 of the Acts of the year 1908 and Chapter 525 of the Acts of the year 1910 in the construction of Washington Street from the Braintree and Holbrook town line to the bridge over the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.

Article 29. To see if the Town will accept the laying out as Town ways as made by the Selectmen, of Elmwood Avenue, Sumner Avenue, Sumner Street, also the parts of Academy Street and Hobart Avenue west of Tremont Street.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to relocate that part of Pearl Street beginning at a point about 800 feet west of the bridge over Monatiquot river and running to Liberty Street.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a Town way as made by the Selectmen, of Prospect Street, so-called, leading from Fountain Street to a point about four hundred feet east, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same; also to change the name of said street.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a Town way as made by the Selectmen, a continuation of Fountain Street for about two hundred feet south.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a Town way as made by the Selectmen, of Park Avenue, so-called, leading from Washington Street to the easterly line of Putnam Avenue, so-called, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of \$400 to bring Standish Avenue to a grade made by the town and corresponding to the granolithic sidewalk now laid.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of Webster Road, so-called, as a Town way as made by the Selectmen, leading easterly from Washington Street near the Hollis School and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as made by the Selectmen, of a Town way from Robinson Avenue to Mt. Vernon Street and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to take as a Town way a proposed street called Abbott Street, leading north from Storrs Avenue and crossing a proposed street called Prospect Street as shown on plan numbered 3751 B filed in the Land Registration office in Boston.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a Town way as made by the Selectmen, of Oak Street, leading north from Front Street, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a Town way as made by the Selectmen, of Fairmount Avenue, leading from Hayward Street to Somerville Avenue, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a Town way as made by the Selectmen, of Somerville Avenue from Hillcrest Road to easterly end, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a Town way as made by the Selectmen, of Hillcrest Road from Somerville Avenue northerly to crest of hill, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a Town way as made by the Selectmen, of Dewey Road, leading from Quincy Avenue to Shaw Street.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate a sum of money to build a new bridge on Union Street over the Monatiquot River.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to build a cinder or gravel sidewalk on each side of Union Street, to extend from in front of the Braintree Home to in front of the property owned by Catherine B. Holbrook and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for building a sidewalk from South Braintree village to Braintree village, or as much of such sidewalk as said appropriation will complete.

CHARITIES.

Article 46. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Poor and the maintenance of the Braintree Home.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under Chapter 763, Acts of the year 1913.

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

Article 48. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of State Aid and Soldiers' Burials, Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief.

EDUCATION.

Article 49. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Public Schools and for transporting pupils to and from same.

Article 50. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs upon the Hollis School.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for grading work at the Abraham Lincoln School.

Article 52. To see what sums of money the Town will

vote to raise and appropriate for enlarging and altering the Pond School.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to follow the recommendations of the School Board in regard to the disposal of the Union School property.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to complete the Penniman School hall.

Article 55. To see if the Town will authorize and request the School Committee to include cooking and sewing, either or both subjects, among the matters taught pupils in the public schools, and if so, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense thereof, and to take any other action in regard thereto.

LIBRARY.

Article 56. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Thayer Public Library, for the distribution of books and for the services of a Janitor.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be used for the support of a library in Precinct Three, provided there shall be furnished in said Precinct, without cost to town, a building site and library building, the building to cost not less than \$5,000.

RECREATION.

Article 58. To see if the Town will elect a Board of Park Commissioners consisting of three persons, and prescribe their term of office.

Article 59. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be expended upon the Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Lands of the Town under the direction of the Park Commissioners, or otherwise.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on the Town Lands.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on the Hollis Playground.

UNCLASSIFIED.

Article 62. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Expenses.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to assist Post 87, G. A. R., in defraying expenses Memorial Day.

Article 64. To see what action the Town will take on account of the acceptance of Chapter 807 of the Acts of 1913, being an act to provide for compensating certain public employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in accordance with Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1913, as a reserve fund for extraordinary expenditures.

Article 66. To see what action the Town will take to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

Article 67. To see if the Town will appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department the sum of forty-six hundred seventy and 62-100 (\$4,670.62) dollars for the Depreciation Fund; the sum of six hundred sixty (\$660.00) dollars for interest on bonds; the sum of four hundred thirty (\$430.00) dollars for the Sinking Fund; the sum of five hundred three and 38-100 (\$503.38) dollars for street light extensions, and the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for the salaries of the Municipal Light Board.

Article 68. To see if the Town will appropriate the remainder of the income of the Electric Light Department, together with the remaining balance of the income for 1914, for operating expenses, repairs, renewals, and new construction.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.50 for the installation of one street light at the corner of Prospect and Abbott Streets, and \$9.00 for maintenance of same.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the extension of water mains from Holbrook line down Liberty Street as far as the house of S. F. Hawes, about 2,500 feet.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the water main on Liberty Street from near the house of William Buker to a point near the house of Otto W. Schraeder.

Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the extension of the water main on Commercial Street to the Quincy line.

CEMETERY.

Article 73. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on the Plain Street Cemetery.

INTEREST. MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the payments due on the Municipal Indebtedness and for the payment of Interest on Town Debt and on loans in anticipation of revenue.

SINKING FUNDS.

Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the Electric Light and Water Loan Sinking Funds.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Article 76. To see what action the Town will take upon the question of the joint ownership between the Town and the

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, of the poles now erected or to be erected and used or to be used by both parties.

Article 77. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Building Regulations or By-Laws submitted to the Town by the Committee on Building Regulations at the Annual Town Meeting in 1913.

Article 78. To see if the Town will vote to accept provisions of Chapter 65 of the Revised Laws and amendments thereto, relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.

Article 79. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to codify the Town By-Laws and report at some future meeting.

Article 80. To see what action the Town will take to allow boating and canoeing on Sunset Lake.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three public places in each Precinct in said Town of Braintree, seven days at least before said first day of March, 1915, and by publishing the same once in the Braintree Observer-Reporter and Braintree Bee.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the twenty-second day of February, 1915.

Given under our hands at Braintree this first day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

HENRY M. STORM,
GEORGE H. HOLBROOK,
B. HERBERT WOODSUM,
Selectmen of Braintree.

HORACE F. HUNT,
Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, March 1, 1915.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the voters assembled in their respective Precincts to cast their ballots

for the various Town Officers named in said warrant, and also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

The polls were opened at five o'clock and forty-five minutes A.M., and were closed at one o'clock and thirty minutes P. M.

The following Election Officers served:

Precinct One—C. G. Anderson, Warden; George E. Sampson, Clerk; John R. Arnold, Azel R. French, Ballot Clerks; E. W. Hobart, James M. Cutting, Francis W. McGaughey, E. F. Porter, John Cuff, J. Raymond King, Tellers; C. A. Hobart, Constable. Edward Shay and F. F. Tupper, Deputies, reported but did not serve.

Precinct Two—George H. Wetherbee, Jr., Warden; John H. Kirby, Clerk; George A. Arnold, H. B. Vinton, Newton H. McKean, John J. Drinkwater, Jr., S. F. Pratt, John R. McGrath, Tellers; C. R. Bestick, Constable.

Precinct Three—J. E. Ludden, Deputy Warden; William T. McCormick, Clerk; John A. Ryan, Charles E. Orr, John F. Sullivan, Joseph M. Allen, Tellers; W. E. Maybury, Constable.

At the opening of the polls all the ballot boxes were set at 0. At the close of the polls the ballot boxes registered the names checked on the voting lists, and the number of ballots counted by the Tellers all agreed and were as follows:

Precinct One, 165 full ballots, 5 partial ballots.

Precinct Two, 157 full ballots, 23 partial ballots.

Precinct Three, 123 full ballots, 0 partial ballots.

At the close of the counting of the votes the returns were made up by each of the Precinct Clerks and forwarded to the Registrars of Voters, by which Board the votes were aggregated and the result declared.

The result of the ballot as determined by the Registrars of Voters was as follows:

Whole number of full ballots deposited	445
Whole number of partial ballots deposited	28

The vote in detail was as follows:

FOR TOWN CLERK

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Henry A. Monk	152	147	117	416
Blanks	13	10	6	29

Henry A. Monk elected, and sworn by Benjamin F. Dyer,
Justice of the Peace.

FOR TOWN TREASURER

Benjamin F. Dyer	150	145	112	407
Blanks	15	12	11	38

Benjamin F. Dyer elected and sworn.

FOR SELECTMEN

George H. Holbrook	148	150	104	402
Henry M. Storm	145	140	106	391
B. Herbert Woodsum	151	139	104	394
Scattering			1	1
Blanks	61	35	51	147

George H. Holbrook, Henry M. Storm, B. Herbert Woodsum elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

OVERSEERS OF POOR

George H. Holbrook	148	150	104	402
Henry M. Storm	145	140	106	391
B. Herbert Woodsum	151	138	100	389
Scattering			1	1
Blanks	51	43	58	152

George H. Holbrook, Henry M. Storm, B. Herbert Woodsum elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

George H. Holbrook	148	148	103	399
Henry M. Storm	135	143	103	381
B. Herbert Woodsum	148	138	98	384
Scattering			1	1
Blanks	64	42	64	170

George H. Holbrook, Henry M. Storm, B. Herbert Woodsum elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Henry M. Storm	125	136	101	362
Scattering			1	1
Blanks	40	21	21	82

Henry M. Storm elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

WATER COMMISSIONER AND COMMISSIONER OF
SINKING FUNDS, FOR THREE YEARS

James T. Stevens	143	143	107	393
Blanks	22	14	16	52

James T. Stevens elected and accepted.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, FOR THREE YEARS

Benjamin Hawes	140	156	99	395
Frank A. Reed	140	157	101	398
Blanks	60	47	46	153

Benjamin Hawes and Frank A. Reed elected and sworn.

AUDITORS

Frank W. Couillard	131	140	98	369
Otis B. Oakman	134	137	99	370
C. Fred Tarbox	133	139	107	379
Blanks	97	55	65	217

Frank W. Couillard, Otis B. Oakman, and C. Fred Tarbox elected and sworn.

TAX COLLECTOR

Frank A. Smith	142	143	105	390
Blanks	23	14	18	55

Frank A. Smith elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

Alexander A. Carson	135	143	100	378
Blanks	30	14	23	67

Alexander A. Carson elected.

CONSTABLES

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Clarence R. Bestick	101	128	95	324
Jeremiah F. Gallivan	108	135	91	334
Charles A. Hobart	103	123	90	316
Horace F. Hunt	111	119	90	320
John W. Illingworth	103	120	85	308
August Johnson	106	122	94	322
Isaac L. Jones	105	125	87	317
John Kelley	107	122	90	319
William E. Maybury	101	125	92	318
Joseph F. Mohan	105	120	87	312
James R. Qualey	100	126	85	311
John P. Shay	110	119	88	317
Thomas Slavin	107	118	86	311
Edward F. Starr	104	119	91	314
Harry S. Tarbox	101	118	93	312
Blanks	903	516	501	1920

C. R. Bestick, J. F. Gallivan, C. A. Hobart, Horace F. Hunt, John W. Illingworth, August Johnson, Isaac L. Jones, John Kelley, W. E. Maybury, J. F. Mohan, J. R. Qualey, John P. Shay, Thomas Slavin, Edward F. Starr, and H. S. Tarbox elected and all sworn.

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

F. Herbert Gile	129	142	95	366
Blanks	36	15	28	79

F. Herbert Gile elected and sworn.

FENCE VIEWERS

George E. Fogg	122	134	91	347
Charles S. Hannaford	126	137	91	354
Eugene T. Nolte	120	136	91	347
Blanks	127	64	96	287

George E. Fogg, C. S. Hannaford, and Eugene T. Nolte elected. Fogg and Hannaford sworn.

TREE WARDEN

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Clarence R. Bestick	130	144	98	372
Blanks	35	13	25	73

C. R. Bestick elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

TRUSTEES THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY, FOR TWO YEARS

William Gallagher	128	143	97	368
William C. Harding	120	141	95	356
Blanks	82	30	54	166

William Gallagher and William C. Harding elected and sworn.

GRANTING LIQUOR LICENSES

Yes	32	25	37	94
No	103	126	72	301
Blanks	30	6	14	50

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Braintree, Mass., March 8, 1915.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the Town met at the time and place specified. The warrant (except the various articles to be voted on, which by vote of the town was dispensed with) was read, and also the officer's certificate of service.

Article 1. By ballot with the use of the check lists, Benjamin H. Woodsum, Jr., was elected Moderator and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Art. 2. Voted to elect 3 Surveyors of Wood and Weighers of Hay. J. Marcus Arnold, Charles G. Sheppard, and Wilford F. Woodsum elected, and W. F. Woodsum sworn.

Voted to elect 3 Surveyors of Lumber. Herbert W. Borden, Charles O. Miller, and George H. Holbrook elected and sworn.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint one Measurer of Leather, one Pound Keeper, and three Field Drivers.

Voted that this meeting adjourn at 10 o'clock P. M., to Monday, March 15, 1915, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., if the business of the warrant is not sooner completed. Notice given within required time of intention to move a reconsideration.

Art. 3. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the municipal year, beginning January 1, 1915, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$85,000.00, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said municipal year.

Art. 4. Voted, That the Town Treasurer be and is hereby made custodian of all moneys of the several Departments of the Town. The Board of Water Commissioners are hereby instructed to elect the Treasurer of the Town, Treasurer of the Water Department. The Selectmen are hereby instructed to require from the Treasurer such a bond as in their judgment is necessary for the safety of such moneys; That the Treasurer be held harmless on his bond from any loss caused by the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 5. A printed report of the Finance Committee was submitted to the meeting through its chairman, Elmer E. Abercrombie.

Voted to receive the report, and that the Town act on the same in the order in which the articles appear in the warrant.

Voted that Article 5 be taken up in conjunction with all other articles.

Voted to appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Art. 6. For salary of Moderator	\$25.00
Salaries of Selectmen	487.50
Clerical help and other expenses	400.00

Salaries of Auditors	150.00
Salary of Treasurer	525.00
Expenses of Treasurer	50.00
Bond of Treasurer	120.00
Salary of Tax Collector	600.00
Expenses of Tax Collector	150.00
Bond of Tax Collector	100.00
Salaries of Assessors	487.50
Clerical help and other expenses	750.00
Salary of Town Clerk	650.00
Expenses of Town Clerk	250.00
Legal Expenses	250.00
Art. 7. Salaries of Board of Registrars ..	150.00
Election Officers and other expenses	700.00

TOWN HALL

Art. 8. Salary of Janitor	\$550.00
Maintenance of Town Hall	500.00
(Plus the income from Town Hall)	
Insurance on building	75.00
Insurance on boilers	30.50

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Art. 9. Salaries	\$3,741.25
Other expenses	300.00
Extra Patrolmen	300.00
(Plus unexpended balance of 1914)	

Voted that the Chief of Police act as Night Patrolman on such times as regular patrolmen have vacations.

Voted that three extra patrolmen, one from each Precinct, be on duty Sundays and Holidays from April 1 to October 31, inclusive.

Art. 10. Court expenses	\$50.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Art. 11. For Hydrant Service, to be applied to the payment of interest coupons accruing on Water Bonds	\$6,450.00
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Pay of engineers and firemen, including their poll taxes	2,586.00
General expenses	900.00
Art. 12. Extra pay of firemen (on 30 cents per hour basis)	400.00
Art. 13. For new hose	560.00
Voted that this hose be purchased by the engineers of the Fire Department, under specifications and by contract, as required by the Town By-Laws.	
Art. 14. For painting Hose Wagon No. 3 .	\$50.00
Art. 15. To build concrete platform at Hose House No. 2	30.00
(Plus unexpended balance 1914)	
Art. 16. Voted that a committee of 3 be appointed to investigate and report at next annual meeting.	
Arts. 17 and 18. Voted that the Fire Engineers, Select- men and 3 citizens be a committee to investigate and report at next annual meeting.	
Art. 19. For support and maintenance of Fire Alarm System	\$300.00
Art. 20. Indefinitely postponed.	

INSPECTION

Art. 21. Sealing of Weights and Measures (\$125.00 thereof to be included in tax levy)	\$200.00
Other Expenses	75.00

FORESTRY

Art. 22. Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	\$2,400.00
Forest fires	400.00
Care and trimming trees	500.00

Voted that more of this appropriation be expended for
actual labor and not so much for inspection.

HEALTH

Art. 23. Salaries of Board of Health	\$300.00
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Other expenses	100.00
Printing	200.00
Fumigation	200.00
Inspector of Animals	100.00
Inspector of Meats and Provisions	300.00
Inspector of Milk	100.00
Vital Statistics	50.00
Contagious Diseases	500.00
Inspection of Plumbing	300.00
Care of dumps	100.00

Recommendation to charge \$1.00 for Plumbing Permit, indefinitely postponed.

Recommendation that money for care of dumps be expended under direction of Improvement Association, ruled out of order.

SANITATION

Arts. 24, 25, 26. Indefinitely postponed.

HIGHWAYS

Art. 27. Salaries Surveyors of Highways,	\$487.50
General repairs on highways, sidewalks, stone roads, watering and oiling streets	15,000.00
(Plus abutters' tax, excise tax, and street railway tax)	
Removal of snow	1,000.00
Street lighting	6,264.00
Clerical help and other expenses	175.00

Art. 28. For construction of Washington Street from the Braintree and Holbrook town line to the bridge over the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. 5,000.00

Art. 29. Voted to accept the laying out of Elmwood Avenue, Sumner Avenue, Sumner Street, also the parts of Academy Street and Hobart Avenue west of Tremont Street as Town ways, as made by the Selectmen.

Art. 30. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to relocate a part of Pearl Street, as per plan presented by them.

Art. 31. Under consideration.

At 10 o'clock the meeting was declared adjourned to Monday, March 15, next, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Braintree, March 15, 1915.

Article 31. Voted to accept Prospect Street, so called, leading from Fountain Street about 400 feet east, as a Town way as laid out by the Selectmen, and that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for the same.

Voted that the name of the above-mentioned street be changed to Victoria Avenue.

Art. 28. Taken up. Motion made to reconsider the vote passed under this article at the last meeting. After a long discussion the motion to reconsider was rejected by a large majority.

Voted that at 10.10 o'clock this meeting stand adjourned to Monday, March 22, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., unless the business is sooner completed.

Art. 32. Voted to accept the laying out of the extension of Fountain Street as a Town way, as made by the Selectmen.

Art. 33. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 34. Voted to bring Standish Avenue to a grade made by the Town to correspond with the granolithic sidewalk now laid, and appropriate for the same \$390.00.

Art. 35. Voted to accept Webster Road as a Town way, as made by the Selectmen.

Art. 36. Voted to accept the laying out as a Town way, from Robinson Avenue to Mt. Vernon Street, as made by the Selectmen, and appropriate for the same \$300.00. (Plus the unexpended appropriation of 1914 (\$100)).

Art. 37. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 38. Voted to accept the laying out of Oak Street leading north from Front Street, as made by the Selectmen, and appropriate for the same \$250.00.

Art. 39. Voted to accept the laying out as a Town way of Fairmount Avenue, leading from Hayward Street to Somerville Avenue, as made by the Selectmen.

Art. 40. Voted to accept Somerville Avenue from Hillcrest Road to easterly end, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Art. 41. Voted to accept Hillcrest Road from Somerville Avenue, northerly to crest of hill, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Art. 42. Voted to accept Dewey Road, leading from Quincy Avenue to Shaw Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Art. 43. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 44. Voted to build a sidewalk of cinders or gravel, on Union Street, from in front of the Braintree Home to in front of the property of Catherine B. Holbrook, and appropriate for the same \$300.00.

Art. 45. Indefinitely postponed.

CHARITIES

Art. 46. Salaries of Overseers of Poor . . .	\$487.50
Clerical help and other expenses	225.00
Maintenance of Braintree Home	1,600.00
Insurance	60.00
Outside relief	5,000.00
(Plus reimbursements from other cities and towns)	
Repairs	200.00
Art. 47. Voted to appropriate to be expended under Chapter 763, Acts of 1913, the sum of	1,300.00

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Art. 48. State Aid and Soldiers' Burial . .	2,700.00
(Not to be included in tax levy)	
Military Aid	144.00
(One-half to be included in tax levy)	
Soldiers' Relief	800.00

At 10 o'clock and 10 minutes the meeting was declared adjourned to Monday, March 22, at 7.30 P.M.

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Braintree, March 22, 1915.

The Town met in accordance with adjournment from March 15. Moderator Woodsum in the chair.

EDUCATION

Article 49. Under consideration.

Voted to appropriate the following sums of money for the support of the Public Schools:

Salaries of Teachers and Superintendent	\$41,000.00
(Plus Dog Tax and School Fund)	
Salaries of Janitors	4,950.00
Text-books and supplies	2,500.00
(Plus unexpended balance of 1914)	
Incidentals	800.00
Insurance on buildings	353.70
Insurance on boilers	137.25
Repairs and Incidentals	1,000.00
Fuel	2,700.00
Conveyance of pupils	1,700.00

Art. 50. Voted that at 10.10 o'clock this meeting be declared adjourned to Monday, March 29, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., unless the business is sooner completed.

Voted that this article be laid on the table for one week, and that the School Committee be instructed to appoint Paul Monaghan, Peter Ness and Charles O. Miller to investigate the condition of the Hollis School Building and report at next meeting.

Art. 51. Grading at Abraham Lincoln

School	\$300.00
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Voted that a committee of 6 be appointed to procure plans and estimates for a 4-room addition to the Abraham Lincoln School Building and report at next annual meeting.

Art. 52. Laid on the table.

Art. 53. Laid on the table.

Art. 54. Completion of Penniman School

Hall	\$300.00
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Art. 55. Under consideration.

Meeting declared adjourned to Monday, March 29, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Braintree, March 29, 1915.

Article 55. Voted to refer the whole matter of this article to the School Committee.

LIBRARY

Art. 56. Voted to appropriate for,

General expenses	\$1,500.00
Distribution of books (East Braintree)	150.00
Janitor	250.00

Voted that the Library be kept open one more evening each week.

Art. 57. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (not to be included in the tax levy) for the support of a library in Precinct Three, provided there shall be furnished in said Precinct a building site and library building, to cost not less than \$5,000.00, without cost to the Town.

RECREATION

Art. 80. Taken up.

Voted to refer the matter of allowing boating and canoeing on Sunset Lake to the Board of Water Commissioners.

Art. 58. Voted that at 9.55 o'clock the Town proceed to ballot for three Park Commissioners, one from each section of the Town; one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year, and thereafter one to be chosen annually for a term of three years.

Art. 59. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 60. Voted to appropriate to be expended on Town Lands the sum of .. \$150.00

Art. 61. Voted to reappropriate the sum of \$202.23, the balance of 1914 appropriation, to be expended on the Hollis Playground.

UNCLASSIFIED

Art. 62. Voted to appropriate for miscellaneous expenses \$2,000.00

Art. 63. To assist Post 87, G. A. R., in defraying expenses of Memorial Day .. 200.00

Art. 64. For compensating certain public employees, under Chap. 807, Acts of 1913 350.00

Art. 65. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 66. Indefinitely postponed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Art. 67. Voted to appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department, for

Depreciation Fund \$4,670.62

Interest on bonds 660.00

Sinking Fund 430.00

Street light extensions 503.38

Salaries of Lighting Board 300.00

Art. 68. Voted to appropriate the remainder of the income of the Electric Light Department for 1915, together with the unexpended balance of the income of 1914 (\$401.68) for operating expenses, repairs, renewals and new construction.

Art. 69. Indefinitely postponed.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Art. 70. Voted that when this meeting adjourn it be to tomorrow, March 30, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

In accordance with the vote passed under Article 58, the polls were declared open at 9.55 o'clock for the election of three Park Commissioners.

The polls were closed at 10.28 o'clock, and the result of the ballot declared, as follows:

James H. Stedman had 65 votes, and was declared elected for the term of three years.

Ray S. Hubbard had 68 votes, and was declared elected for the term of two years.

J. Frederick Kemp had 70 votes, and was declared elected for the term of one year.

At 10.35 o'clock P. M. it was voted to adjourn to Tuesday, March 30, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Braintree, March 30, 1915.

The Town met in accordance with adjournment from March 29. Moderator Woodsum in the chair.

Article 70. Voted to extend the water main from the Holbrook Town line down Liberty Street as far as the house of S. F. Hawes, and appropriate for the same \$4,000.00, and that no 5% guarantee be required from water takers on this line.

Art. 71. Voted that the Board of Water Commissioners be instructed to extend the water main on Liberty Street from near the house of William Buker, for such distance as the income will pay 5% on the cost of such extension.

Art. 72. Indefinitely postponed.

CEMETERY

Art. 73. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to be expended on Plain Street Cemetery.

INTEREST, MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Art. 74. Voted to appropriate for,	
Payment of Stetson Note (so called) March 22, 1899 (not to be included in tax levy)	\$2,500.00
Payment of Mayflower Park Water Note, July 15, 1915	1,000.00
Payment of note for refunding General Thayer Note of March 7, 1874, held by Hunt Trust, July 1, 1915	1,000.00
Payment of Note for refunding General Thayer Note of March 7, 1874, held by Trustees of Thayer Library, July 1, 1915	750.00
Held by Trustees of Thayer Library, Oct. 1, 1915	500.00
Payment of A. Lincoln School Note, June 1, 1915	599.38
and an unexpended balance of	1,400.62
Payment of Bonds for Hollis School, July 1, 1915	3,500.00
Payment of Bonds for Hollis Playground, July 1, 1915	500.00
Payment of Bonds for Town Hall, June 1, 1915	3,000.00
Interest to,	
July 1, 1915, on \$10,000, Hunt Trust	\$400.00
July 1, 1915, on \$7,500, Thayer Library	300.00
Oct. 1, 1915, on \$2,500, Thayer Library	100.00
June 1, 1915, on \$10,000, Lincoln School	175.00
Dec. 1, 1915, on \$8,000, Lincoln School	140.00
June 1, 1915, on \$44,000, Town Hall	880.00
Dec. 1, 1915, on \$41,000, Town Hall	820.00
July 1, 1915, on \$54,500, Hollis School	1,090.00
Jan. 1, 1916, on \$51,000, Hollis School	1,020.00
July 1, 1915, on \$3,500, Hollis Playground	70.00
Jan. 1, 1916, on \$3,000, Hollis Playground	60.00
Discount in anticipation of revenue for 1915 ...	2,400.00

SINKING FUND

Art. 75. Voted to appropriate for Water Loan Sinking Fund	
	\$5,120.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Art. 76. Relating to joint ownership of electric wire poles, referred to Electric Light Department, with full powers.

Art. 78. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 65 of the Revised Laws and amendments thereto, relating to Hawkers and Peddlers.

Art. 79. Voted to appoint a committee of 5 to codify the Town By-Laws, and report at next annual meeting.

Art. 77. Voted to refer this matter to the same committee to be appointed under Article 79.

Art. 50. The Committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate and report the condition of the Hollis School rendered a report, with recommendations (see files in Town Clerk's Office).

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for repairs of Hollis School Building, to be expended under direction of the same Committee.

Art. 52. Taken from the table. Voted to refer this matter to the same committee appointed under Article 16.

Art. 5. Voted that a committee of 9 be appointed, consisting of 4 ladies and 5 gentlemen, to investigate the entire School System of the Town, including the condition of School Buildings, and report to the Town, in print, not later than Feb. 1, 1916.

Voted that the Moderator appoint an Appropriation Committee of 15.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider the matter of Workingmen's Compensation, reported that the same had been taken care of by the action of the Town.

Voted to appropriate in the aggregate \$173,058.86, and that \$157,744.08 of that sum be raised by direct taxation.

Meeting adjourned, *sine die*.

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree, on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of May, 1915, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the extension of water mains.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to pay fifty cents per hour for the extra pay of firemen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and by publishing the same once in the Braintree Observer-Reporter and Braintree Bee.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree this eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

HENRY M. STORM,
GEORGE H. HOLBROOK,
B. HERBERT WOODSUM,

Selectmen of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

Special Town Meeting, Braintree, May 26, 1915.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the Town met at the time and place specified. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Voted by ballot, with the use of the check lists, for a Moderator.

Benjamin H. Woodsum, Jr., elected and sworn.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Friday, June 4, next, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

Braintree, June 4, 1915.

The Town met in accordance with adjournment from May 26. Moderator Woodsum in the chair.

Voted to take a recess until the Appropriation Committee is ready to report.

The meeting again called to order at 8.25 o'clock P. M.

Article 2. The Appropriation Committee, by its Chairman, E. E. Abercrombie, reported verbally, with a request that the Town consider the two petitions separately.

Voted to so consider them.

On the petition of E. E. Abercrombie and others, it was voted that if Mr. Hatchard will furnish proper grades and build complete, acceptable to the town, Holmes and Fairfield Streets, as laid out on plan of land divided into house lots and known as Washington Park, located in Precinct Two, and also lay a 6 in. water main 645 ft. on Holmes Street and 340 ft. on Fairfield Street, with a hydrant connected at the ends of each line, the same to be installed under the direction of and satisfactory to the Board of Water Commissioners, that the Town will reimburse Mr. Hatchard for installing said water mains when said streets are accepted by the Town.

On the petition of B. C. Johnson and others,

Voted to instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to extend the water main in Liberty Street from near the house of William Buker to a point near the house of Otto W. Schraeder, if they receive from the owners of the property a satisfactory guarantee to pay 5% annually on the cost of said extension.

Voted that in order to carry out the foregoing vote, the Town Treasurer is hereby instructed that when the Water Board has received the above-named guarantee he shall issue two notes of the Town, one for \$2,500 for the term of one year, one for \$2,500 for the term of two years, each bearing interest not to exceed 4½% per annum. Voted by ballot; 63 affirmative, none negative.

Art. 3. Voted to instruct the Chief of the Fire Department to pay firemen 50 cts. per hour for actual work at fires, provided he does not exceed the appropriation of \$400.00 for extra pay of firemen, made at the Annual Town Meeting.

Voted that this meeting adjourn, *sine die*.

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARIES.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in

Polling Place in Precinct No. 1, Town Hall;

Polling Place in Precinct No. 2, Hose House, Hollis Avenue;

Polling Place in Precinct No. 3, Hose House, Allen Street;

Tuesday, the twenty-first day of September, 1915, at four o'clock P.M. for the following purposes: To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following officers:

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councillor for 2d Councillor District, Senator for First Norfolk Senatorial District, Representative in General Court for Eighth Norfolk Representative District, County Commissioner for Norfolk County, County Treasurer for Norfolk County, Sheriff for Norfolk County.

And for election of the following officers:

District Member of State Committee for each political party for the First Norfolk Senatorial District, Members of the Democratic, Republican and Progressive Party Town Committees, Delegates to State Conventions of Political Parties.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from 4 o'clock to 8 o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting, as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of September, A. D. 1915.

HENRY M. STORM,
GEORGE H. HOLBROOK,
B. HERBERT WOODSUM,
Selectmen of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, September 21, 1915.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the State Primary was held by Precincts.

The polls were opened at 4 o'clock P. M. and closed at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Election Officers serving were all sworn and were as follows:

Precinct One—Edward Shay, Warden; George E. Sampson, Clerk; F. R. Carmichael, J. W. Cuff, E. F. Porter, Francis T. Lyons, Tellers; C. A. Hobart, Constable. Lucien E. D. Gandreau, Deputy Warden, reported.

Precinct Two—George H. Wetherbee, Jr., Warden; W. H. J. Fitzgerald, Clerk; S. F. Pratt, George A. Arnold, C. F. Cavanagh, John J. Drinkwater, Jr., Tellers; C. R. Bestick, Constable.

Precinct Three—Benjamin Hawes, Warden; W. T. McCormick, Clerk; John F. Sullivan, Charles E. Orr, John A. Ryan, Joseph E. Ludden, Tellers; F. O. Whitmarsh, Constable.

At the close of the polls the ballots of each party were counted separately, recorded, declared and sealed according to law.

The result of the ballot was as follows:

Whole number of ballots	409
Republican	361
Democratic	37
Progressive	5
Void	6

FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

Grafton D. Cushing, R.	148
Eugene N. Foss, R.	23
Samuel W. McCall, R.	175
Nelson B. Clark, P.	5
Frederick S. Deitrick, D.	2
David I. Walsh, D.	35

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Calvin Coolidge, R.	160
Guy Andrews Ham, R.	155
Edward P. Barry, D.	31

FOR SECRETARY

Albert P. Langtry, R.	280
Edwin A. Grosvenor, D.	29

FOR TREASURER

Charles L. Burrill, R.	273
Henry L. Bowles, D.	28

FOR AUDITOR

Edward C. R. Bagley, R.	55
Alonzo B. Cook, R.	173
Samuel W. George, R.	61
Jacob C. Morse, D.	29

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Henry C. Attwill, R.	260
Joseph Joyce Donahue, D.	25
Harold Williams, Jr., D.	8

FOR COUNCILLOR—SECOND DISTRICT

Richard F. Andrews, R.	68
Clarence A. Barnes, R.	33
William O. Faxon, R.	183
Charles W. Guy, D.	18
William L. Murray, D.	13

FOR SENATOR—FIRST NORFOLK DISTRICT

William P. Kelley, R.	192
Louis F. R. Langelier, R.	141
William W. Gallagher, P.	1

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
EIGHTH NORFOLK DISTRICT

Hartley L. White, R.	280
Edward Avery, D.	1

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—NORFOLK COUNTY

Evan F. Richardson, R.	276
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FOR COUNTY TREASURER—NORFOLK COUNTY

Henry D. Humphrey, R.	272
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FOR SHERIFF—NORFOLK COUNTY

Samuel H. Capen, R.	279
Samuel H. Capen, D.	17

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE ELECTED

Edward Avery	33
Frank C. Drinkwater	32
John J. Heaney	32
John A. Ryan	30
Herbert F. Stackhouse	31
Francis J. Mahar	33
Michael T. Griffin	31
Joseph S. Drinkwater	32
C. J. Scollard	35

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE ELECTED

Frank Herbert Gile	254
Herbert A. Bryant	254
James E. Folsom	254
Plummer C. Spring	254

John E. Arnold	253
Benjamin Hawes	246
Carl G. Makepeace	250
Frank E. M. South	252
Charles Goss	245
Charles O. Miller	239
Fred M. Buzzell	252
George E. Sampson	251
Benjamin H. Woodsum	251
Roger Lakin	248
Frederick R. Carmichael	250

STATE COMMITTEE—FIRST NORFOLK DISTRICT

Jesse B. Baxter, R.	271
John A. Kiggen, D.	20

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTIONS ELECTED.

Joseph G. Bailey, R.	265
Frank E. M. South, R.	258
Henry M. Storm, R.	261
Walter O. Hastings, R.	258
James H. Stedman, R.	264
Benjamin H. Woodsum, R.	267
Charles B. Cummings, R.	264
Frank C. Drinkwater, D.	32
Herbert F. Stackhouse, D.	29

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1915

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree qualified to vote in elections therein, to meet at the Polling Places in their respective precincts, to wit:

Polling Place in Precinct No. 1, Town Hall;

Polling Place in Precinct No. 2, Hose House, Hollis Avenue;

Polling Place in Precinct No. 3, Hose House, Allen Street;

On Tuesday, the second day of November, 1915, at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in to the Wardens of their respective Precincts their votes on the official ballot for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-General, Councillor, Senator, Representative in General Court, County Commissioner, Associate Commissioner, County Treasurer, Sheriff, nine Commissioners to apportion Suffolk County into Representative Districts.

Also to vote on the following questions on the same ballot:

Acceptance of Chapter 129, Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the constitution empowering the general court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens."

Acceptance of Chapter 130, Resolves of 1915, entitled "resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the constitution striking the word 'male' from the qualifications of voters."

Acceptance of Chapter 140, Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the constitution relative to the authority of the general court to impose taxes."

Acceptance of Chapter 189, General Acts of 1915, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of an independent agricultural school in the county of Norfolk."

The polls will be kept open until one o'clock in the afternoon.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof in not less than three public places in each Precinct in said Town seven days at least before the said second day of November, 1915, and by publishing the same once in the Braintree Observer-Reporter and Braintree Bee.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with

your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time of said election.

Given under our hands at Braintree this eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

HENRY M. STORM,
GEORGE H. HOLBROOK,
B. HERBERT WOODSUM,
Selectmen of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, November 2, 1915.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the voters assembled in their respective Precincts to cast their ballots for State and County Officers, and also to vote on the several amendments to the Constitution, etc., as enumerated on the Official Ballot.

The Official Ballots were delivered to the Wardens of the several Precincts by the Town Clerk and receipts taken therefor.

The polls were opened in all Precincts at 5.45 o'clock A. M., and were closed in all Precincts at 1 o'clock P. M.

The following Election Officers served:

Precinct One—Edward Shay, Warden; George E. Sampson, Clerk; Francis T. Lyons, E. F. Porter, J. W. Cutting, A. R. French, John R. Arnold, E. W. Hobart, J. W. Cuff, F. W. McGaughey, Tellers; C. A. Hobart, Constable.

L. E. D. Gandreau, F. F. Tupper, F. R. Carmichael, H. A. Barnes, Deputies, reported but did not serve.

Precinct Two—George H. Wetherbee, Jr., Warden; Newton H. McKean, Clerk; George A. Arnold, Herbert F. Stackhouse, S. F. Pratt, H. B. Vinton, John R. McGrath, C. F. Cavanagh, J. J. Drinkwater, Jr., Tellers; C. R. Bestick, Constable.

Precinct Three—Benjamin Hawes, Warden; Peter B.

Lawson, Clerk; J. A. Ryan, John F. Sullivan, T. J. F. Dalton, J. M. Allen, J. E. Ludden, D. H. Coleman, Charles E. Orr, Tellers; F. O. Whitmarsh, Constable.

Henry R. Dailey, Deputy, reported, but did not serve.

The ballots were counted, record made of the vote for each office and person, also the vote on each question submitted, the result declared in open meeting in each Precinct. The ballots, check lists, etc., were sealed according to law, and forwarded with the returns to the Town Clerk, where they were tabulated by the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk, and the result of the total vote publicly announced in open meeting.

At the opening of the polls all the ballot boxes registered 0.

At the close of the polls the ballot boxes registered:

Precinct One	543
Precinct Two	468
Precinct Three	299

Number of names checked on the voting lists:

Precinct One	539
Precinct Two	465
Precinct Three	344

Number of ballots counted by the Tellers:

Precinct One	539
Precinct Two	465
Precinct Three	344

The whole number of ballots cast was thirteen hundred and forty-eight (1,348) and were for the following persons and on the several questions submitted.

FOR GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Nelson B. Clark, Prog. ...	18	15	11	44
Walter S. Hutchins, S. ..	14	8	9	31
Samuel W. McCall, R. ...	300	315	184	799
Peter O'Rourke, S.L.	2	0	2	4
William Shaw, P.	12	16	18	46
David I. Walsh, D.	189	111	119	419
Blanks	4	0	1	5

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Edward P. Barry, D.	161	73	107	341
Calvin Coolidge, R.	325	348	194	867
Alfred H. Evans, P.	9	12	17	38
James Hayes, S. L.	6	1	2	9
Chester R. Lawrence, Prog.	11	5	4	20
Samuel P. Levenberg, S. .	13	11	13	37
Blanks	14	15	7	36

FOR SECRETARY

Edwin A. Grosvenor, D. . .	149	79	102	330
Albert P. Langtry, R.	332	347	205	884
Thomas J. Maher, S. L. ...	4	0	5	9
Marion E. Sproule, S.	12	11	10	33
Willard O. Wylie, P.	13	10	9	32
Blanks	29	18	13	660

FOR TREASURER

Henry L. Bowles, D.	149	84	101	334
Charles E. Fenner, S.	15	11	11	27
Charles L. Burrill, R.	329	340	199	868
William E. Marks, P.	11	11	9	31
Jeremiah P. McNally, S.L.	3	0	5	8
Blanks	32	19	19	70

FOR AUDITOR

Alonzo B. Cook, R.	314	328	205	847
James W. Holden, S. L. ...	5	2	2	9
Henry C. Iram, S.	14	10	12	36
Jacob C. Morse, D.	149	86	97	332
William G. Rogers, P.	10	11	11	32
Blanks	47	28	17	92

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Henry C. Attwill, R.	333	352	206	891
Frank Aughtier, P.	14	66	12	32

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Joseph Joyce Donahue, D.	134	68	94	296
John McCarthy, S.	14	11	13	38
William Taylor, S. L.	5	1	2	8
Blanks	39	27	17	83

FOR COUNCILLOR—SECOND DISTRICT

Richard F. Andrews, R. . .	338	348	206	892
William L. Murray, D. ...	142	74	98	314
Scattering	1	0	0	1
Blanks	58	43	40	141

FOR SENATOR—FIRST NORFOLK DISTRICT

Louis F. R. Langelier, R. .	353	357	211	921
James H. Shea, D.	129	75	96	300
Blanks	57	33	37	127

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—
EIGHTH NORFOLK DISTRICT

Hartley L. White, R.	263	373	240	876
Ralph A. Newcomb, Ind. .	192	25	12	229
Scattering	0	0	1	1
Blanks	84	67	91	242

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—NORFOLK COUNTY

Evan F. Richardson, R. . .	367	377	228	972
Addison E. Bullard	1	0	28	29
Scattering	1	6	0	7
Blanks	170	82	88	340

FOR COUNTY TREASURER—NORFOLK COUNTY

Henry D. Humphrey, R. .	373	386	230	989
Scattering	2	0	0	2
Blanks	164	79	114	357

SHERIFF—NORFOLK COUNTY

Samuel H. Capen, D. & R.	368	368	237	973
Addison E. Bullard	0	11	1	12
Blanks	171	86	106	363

FOR ASSOCIATE COUNTY COMMISSIONER—
NORFOLK COUNTY

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Addison E. Bullard	7	12	9	37
Scattering	11	9	2	22
Blanks	521	435	333	1289

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, empowering the General Court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens, be approved and ratified?

Yes	280	231	185	696
No	101	117	67	285
Blanks	158	117	92	367

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, enabling women to vote, be approved and ratified?

Yes	164	169	126	459
No	310	261	180	751
Blanks	65	35	38	138

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions, be approved and ratified?

Yes	263	259	191	713
No	99	94	56	249
Blanks	177	112	97	386

Shall the County of Norfolk authorize the County Commissioners to issue bonds of said county to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, for the purpose of establishing an independent agricultural school?

Yes	257	210	173	640
No	122	153	87	362
Blanks	160	102	84	346

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

Braintree, November 12, 1915.

We the undersigned Town Clerks of Braintree, Holbrook and Avon, comprising Representative District No. 8 (8) in the County of Norfolk, hereby certify that at an election held in the respective Towns aforesaid on the second day of November, 1915, to vote for one Representative in the General Court for said District, the following votes were given in as per the returns of the Selectmen of the several Towns.

	Braintree.	Holbrook.	Avon.	Total.
Hartley L. White of				
Braintree	876	345	216	1437
Ralph A. Newcomb of				
Braintree	229	39	14	282
Blanks	243	150	147	540

HENRY A. MONK, Town Clerk of Braintree,
ZENAS A. FRENCH, Town Clerk of Holbrook,
JOHN J. COLLINS, Town Clerk of Avon.

A true copy. Attest.

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

DOG LICENSES

Account of 1915.

H. A. Monk in account with County of Norfolk.

Dr.

Number of licenses issued, 428	
355 Males at \$2.00 each	\$710.00
42 Females, at \$5.00 each	210.00
29 Females (spayed) at \$2.00 each	58.00
2 Breeders' licenses, at \$25.00 each	50.00
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	\$1,028.00

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By cash paid for blanks	\$3.25
By cash paid County Treasurer June 2, 1915 ..	320.35
By cash paid County Treasurer Dec. 1, 1915 ..	618.80
Dec. 1, Town Clerk's fees 428 licenses, 20c each	85.60
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	\$1,028.00

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

HUNTERS' LICENSES

H. A. Monk, Town Clerk, in account with Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Dr.

To 187 hunters' licenses, issued at \$1 each	\$187.00
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Cr.

As per vouchers	\$187.00
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BIRTHS IN 1915

JANUARY.

Date	Name	Parents' Names
1	Filomena DeBerardinis	Louis and Nellie (Dianto)
1	Harry McGibbon	Peter, Jr., and Jennie (DeCoste)
1	——— Messina	Antonio and Rosa (Gaugh)
2	Camilla Fernanda Collier	Albert and Agnes J. (Anderson)
6	Wendell Emery Burke	Thomas E. and Marion (Tobey)
8	Ruth Elizabeth Chambers	Robert A. and Sarah H. (Roberts)
8	Ruth Whitman	Charles S. and Emma M. (Clark)
8	Berina Venuti	Michael and Mary (Varina)
10	Alice May Trott	Orrin F. and Stella M. (Berry)
12	Norman Edward Barnes	Henry A. and Cecilia (Brady)
13	Agita Conti	Mario and Mercia (Mollica)
17	Irene Althea Drollett	Arthur W. and Irene A. (Holbrook)
18	——— Kochanowski	Jan and Parstina (Kasobowicz)
19	——— Levangie	Joseph C. and Mary S. (Levangie)
20	Paul Reardon	Patrick and Margaret E. (Barrett)
22	Alfred Sheldon Richards	Frank and Annie (———)
23	Thomas Arthur Farrell	Thomas A. and Annie E. (Fitzsimons)
23	Helena Iannuzzi	Joseph and Mary (Delofino)
27	Hollis Gardner Rand, Jr.	Hollis G. and Bessie F. (Lane)
27	Ehlin Joseph Cardarople	Joseph and Caroline E. (Novellini)
27	William Kaukola	Matthew E. and Sophia (Riihemaki)
27	Jennie Kaukola	Matthew E. and Sophia (Riihemaki)
31	Leonard John St.Pierre	Joseph A. and Azilda (Bouchemin)

FEBRUARY.

1	Melva Rosina Carlozzi	Castanza and Teresnia (Schoch)
1	Julia Knight	Henry F. and Mabel (Fales)
3	Stillborn	
6	Irma Grover Mansfield	George F. and Caroline (Tucker)
9	Grace Helen Woodworth	John E. and Helen (Gardner)
9	——— Cocozello	Joseph and Marie J. (Easue)
10	John Brooks Hardie	James and Clara (Brooks)
12	Stillborn	
13	Frederick Folsom Hillier	John A. and Dorothea A. (Folsom)
17	Lucien Mangonero	Antonio and Carmena (Di'Natali)
19	——— Nolte	Eugene and Eltie L. (Frost)
20	Edward Bastable	Antonio F. and Elizabeth (Holleran)
22	Jinna Pantana	Michael and Concetta (Antonucia)
23	Gordon Emmons Drake	Gordon C. and Mildred E. (Glover)
23	Stillborn	

Date	Name	Parents' Names
25	Wilfred Earle Levangie	Wilfred C. and Lena L. (Carver)
26	Warren Martin Ford	David and Maria (DeCoste)
28	———Levangie	Patrick and Christine (Beaton)
28	Lois Evelyn Drollett	Wilbert E. and Amelia B. (May)

MARCH.

2	Johnny Clito Barasso	Antonio and Rose (Nardoizzo)
2	Ethel Cecelia Hayden	Archie L. and Margaret H. (Levangie)
3	James Albert Walsh	George W., Jr., and Alice F. (McCormack)
3	Alice Worden Blake	Walter T. and Grace (Johnston)
3	Annie Roberta Stonehouse	Robert and Annie (Smith)
3	Morris Preston Gurney	J. Preston and Susan S. (Quinn)
4	Julia Hennebury	Thomas and Mary (McDonald)
5	Charles Anderson	John T. and Elizabeth (Delory)
5	Rosa Colangelo	Armilio and Rosa P. (Farnia)
5	Mildred Myrtle Brown	William R. and Nora (Elliott)
5	Margaret Burns	Fred L. and Bessie (Rolley)
15	Claudia Keddy Charnock	Raymond and Mary B. (Keddy)
16	F. Milly Peterson	Carl J. and Ida (Frederickson)
18	——— Moran	Patrick and Jane (McGreeney)
18	Doris Hough	George A. and Annie (Collins)
22	Mary Elizabeth Hayden	Nelson E. and Ethel M. (Brigham)
23	Harold Watt	James C. and Eva E. (Hansen)
23	Frederick Russell Dame	Fred R. and Emilie J. (Wahlberg)
24	Eleanor May Tracy	Edward I. and Mary M. (De Young)
25	Charles Haley	Joseph and Elizabeth (Curley)
28	Joseph Francis Banks	Joseph and Mabel M. (Moriarty)
28	Gertrude Tilden	Harry E. and Ruth (Crocker)
29	Donato Richardi	Antonio and Mary M. (Richardi)

APRIL.

2	Franklin Merrill	Andrew and Martha (Preston)
2	Elizabeth Lillian Cole	Joseph and Sarah J. (Durgin)
4	Charlotte Augusta Hamblin	Jasper E. and Drindie M. (Farcy)
6	Frederick Joseph Boudreau	Edmond and Mary (Avery)
8	Helen Louise Rogers	Jesse D. and Anna M. (Tracey)
11	Chester Simeon Wentworth	Augustus W. and Gertrude (Northup)
12	Adolpha Libertine	Steven and Teresa (Alicia)
12	Virginia Elizabeth Arnold	Henry S. and Lillian G. (Green)
13	——— Conway	Daniel and Catherine (Rice)
13	David McFarland Philips	John B. and Margaret (McFarland)
13	Henry Burton Brown, Jr.	Henry B. and Mildred F. (Pentz)
15	Madeline Esther McGlauffin	Ralph H. and Mary W. (Thayer)
15	Stillborn	

Date	Name	Parents' Names
15	George Frederick Fallon	Joseph M. and Annie I. (Devine)
55	William James Chase	Herbert L. and Ethel M. (James)
17	Rita Winifred Church	Arthur B. and Catherine (Cogan)
24	David Samuel Barnett	John and Bessie (Roberts)
26	Walter Herbert Moorey	Richard and Catherine (McDonald)
27	Franklin Grinnell Hathaway	Harold E. and Edna G. (Grinnell)
28	Myrtle Hansen	Harold and Anna (Johnson)
29	Albert Norman DeCoste	John N. and Mary J. (Pitts)

MAY.

1	Elizabeth Virginia Williams	Harold E. and Bertha M. (Smith)
2	Mary Lois Charnock	Arthur F. and Laura (Sargent)
2	Robert Arthur Tenney	Frederick A. and Lillian (Link)
4	Gertrude Mary McQueen	Daniel and Gertrude B. (Bussman)
4	Francis William Casey	William P. and Edith E. (Nisun)
6	Austin Edmond Reed	George N. and Cassie (McKeough)
7	Franklin Eugene Gordon	Herbert C. and Hattie A. (Coy)
14	Charles Sawyer Rogers	William F. and Mabel (Sawyer)
14	Howard William Robbins	Harold and Elva J. (Wiggett)
18	Allen M. Drysdale	Leo N. and Lena G. (Holbrook)
20	Dorothy Flynn	Michael L. and Mary C. (Dunham)
20	John Conti, Jr.	John and Anna (Sacisa)
26	Stillborn.	
26	Ancelo Fabiano	Percy H. and Genema (Abate)
26	Miriam Louise Pearson	Isaac E. and Susan G. (Doane)
27	Viola Marguerite MacDonald	Alexander and Violet (Drysdale)
27	Walter Francis Frazier	Luke and Melvena (Levangie)
30	George Kenneth Bowie	William and Minnie (Towers)
30	Mary Elizabeth Williamson	Walter F. and Theresa J. (Frazier)

JUNE.

2	Georgine Mark	George P. and Agnes (Trainor)
3	Alfred Girard Cotter	James H. and Mabel E. (Lyons)
3	Edwin Kane	William P. and Edna N. (Sypher)
6	Barbara Louise Johnson	Carl E. and Isabel C. (Cain)
6	Stillborn	
8	Walter Henry Dunkerly	Arthur W. and Bertha M. Blake
10	Marion Edith Sunbury	John W. and Grace E. (Boothby)
11	Robert Lloyd Wynot	Spurgeon and Crarisy (Piercy)
12	Ramionda Maria Asunda Alosi	Alfredo and Teresa (Marchesa)
13	—— Bates	Steven and Helen (Smith)
14	Catherine Nickerson Canning	Charles H. and Mabel (Nickerson)
14	William Demas Caskin	Daniel F. and Mabel (Booth)
15	Walter Hamel	William H. and Elizabeth (Peddle)

Date	Name	Parents' Names
16	Victoria Pizello	Joseph and Pauline (Baradini)
16	Harold Edward Yourell	John H and Elizabeth J. (McDonald)
17	Victoria Basini	Leo and Pauline (Bereridessio)
18	June Frances Harding	Ernest and Estella M. (Christenson)
18	William Bradford	Richard T. and Mollie E. (Hodges)
19	Rose Ann Scullin	James and Mary (Hamil)
19	Eerene Farina	Silvio and Maria (Porta)
20	Elizabeth Powell Woodsum	Benjamin H., Jr., and Elizabeth (Powell)
21	Benjamin Hawes, Jr.	Benjamin and Mary (Newcomb)
21	William Hennebury	Michael and Lillian (Raymond)
22	Elizabeth Reed Lakin	Roger and Alice K. (Cummings)
23	Bertha Evelyn Tucker	Willard E. and Ruth (Randall)
28	Joseph Edward O'Brien	George and Margaret A. (Flynn)
30	Evelyn Cossa	Joseph and Edith L (Long)

JULY.

3	Charles Lindley Woodford	Arthur W. and Stella (Tibbetts)
11	Yesmine Moses	Maron and Farida (Habid)
12	James Mitchell Cameron	James and Bella (Hamilton)
13	Gilbert Cushing Phinney	Frederick C. and Gertrude E. (Raymond)
13	Clarinda Nimmo Neil	James W. and Jessie B. (Gaston)
14	Thomas Alexander DeCoste	John N. and Mary (Mattie)
15	Josephine Delpicio	Luigi and Carmena (Rinaldi)
15	Robert Ayrton Hickey	Charles H. and Bertha B. (Strong)
16	Alberta Pink	Frank and Katie (Dashong)
16	Albert Pink	Frank and Katie (Dashong)
17	Rose Melchiano	John and Venunza M. (Azzato)
18	John James Doherty	Daniel and Ethel M. (Coohn)
24	Wilfred Cameron	John and Annie M. (Hanson)
25	Mary Genevieve Gaudet	Joseph and Elizabeth (Perry)
27	Marion Rosalie Finnegan	Thomas F. and Alice M. (Boyle)
27	Lawrence A. Trainor, Jr.	Lawrence A. and Louise M. (McCarthy)
30	Joseph Giovanni	Attilio and Rose (Mazzaski)
31	Audrey Louise Whitney	Charles H. and Mildred G. (Holbrook)

AUGUST.

2	Michelina Carlini	Frank and Mary (Mastrangelo)
4	John Matthew Keane	John J. and Stella B. (Powers)
9	Richard Thomas Shea	Joseph T. and Mary F. (Burke)
11	Mary Hennebury	John and Bridget (Callahan)
12	Theresa Elizabeth Levangie	Alexander and Lizzie (DeCoste)

Date	Name	Parents' Names
12	Mary Josephine Murray	James A. and Ettta A. (Mead)
13	Wendell Dana Fogg	Charles D. and Bertha L. (Harvey)
14	Angiolino Pilode Migliorina	Ernesto and Aurelia (Guidi)
14	Susie Concetta Lavina	Guy and Rosina (Bonina)
14	Stillborn	
15	Eugene Kirby	John H. and Alice (Condrick)
16	——— Anderson	Frank and Rena (Swett)
19	Andrew Ferdinand Mischler	C. Andrew and Mary (Gibbons)
21	Rose Mary Haskins	Arthur G. and Alice E. (Thayer)
21	Dorothy Elizabeth Kendrick	William and Helen I. (Griffin)
22	Stillborn	
23	——— Cain	Ralph C. and Edith E. (Waters)

SEPTEMBER.

11	Alexander Calvin Burkett	Leon H. and Maud (Durrell)
13	George Winfred Holbrook	Percy W. and Anna L. Parker
16	Rosa DeLavia	Daniel and Jennie (Pisapie)
17	Maria Rinaldo	Frank and Lucretia (Delpique)
20	Theresa Rose Rosa	Joseph and Rosina (Guidano)
23	Russell Frank Waring	Russell and May (Belmore)
24	Alice Virginia Roberts	John H. and Mary N. (Ellis)
25	Marjorie Lois Bean	Harold E. and Olive A. (Robbins)
26	Vincenzo Morgida	Domenico and Marcolata (Carabetta)
28	Marjorie Louise Wallace	David and Margaret (Dingee)

OCTOBER.

1	Caroline Parker	Charles and Agnes (Rhodes)
5	John Thomas McSharry	Thomas and Mary A. (Barrett)
7	Norman Robinson	Robert and Agnes (Lavery)
11	Bernard Thomas Cotter	Jeremiah and Mary (Fenick)
12	Marguerite Malone	Patrick J. and Rose M. (Lawler)
14	Matalena Caruso	Leo and Colomba (Dabuco)
18	Stillborn	
20	Ralph Sidney Nickson	Charles T. and Jennie (Davidson)
23	——— Sorusso	Donato and Angelina (Beauinati)
24	Ellis Whitcomb Cain	Everett H. and Helen H. (Saville)
24	Stephen Ponzo	Jaccomento and Theresa (Barbutz)
24	Alma Louise Palmer	Raymond and Hilda (Fritz)
25	Dorothy Margaret Watson	Frederick B. and Bertha S. (Hobart)
25	Marjorie Meara	John E. and Annie (Dee)
26	Joseph William Davies	William B. and Anna (Stanard)
31	Almena Argentina	Joseph and Mary (Sartamattini)
31	Edna May Dixon	George M. and Sigred E. (Johnson)

NOVEMBER.

Date	Name	Parents' Names
2	Mary De Berardinio	Camilio and Mary M. (Meliconda)
4	Irene Guest	Robert and Henrietta (Fletcher)
4	Mildred Hennebury	Patrick and Bertha (Raymond)
4	Myra Ellen Towne	Edgar and Ada I. (Smith)
8	———Di Meo	Dominic and Annie (Laskowska)
9	Alice Clorine Abell	George L. and Alice G. (Devine)
10	Luigi Andenio Mario Carlozza	Guiseppe and Andenietta (Diconesoco)
11	Frank Rivelle	Pasqual and Florence (Carlino)
12	Helen Geradino	Batista and Isabelle M. (Lyons)
12	Antonio Puliafico	Guiseppe and Antonia (D'Natali)
14	Edward H. Lindoe	Edward and Matilda (Johnson)
16	Stephen Burke	Thomas F. and Mary J. (Nevill)
17	Stillborn	
18	Thomas Frazer Messenger	Thomas F. and Mary E. (Clinton)
18	Bernice Hadley Hill	Warner W. and Grace M. (Hadley)
18	Anna DeCosta	Anton and Mary (Azevedo)
21	Ruth Loraine Dorean	Kearn W. and Elsie E. (Pierce)

DECEMBER.

5	Charles Arthur Tellier	Arthur L. and Clara M. (Annis)
7	Marguerite Elizabeth Drinkwater	John J., Jr., and Josephine F. (Burns)
11	Alfred Joseph Senecal	Alfred J. and Jennie M. (Glover)
12	William Herbert McNeill, Jr.	William H. and Ellen E. (Murphy)
12	Myrtle Rennie	David S. and Joanne S. (Govan)
13	Jane Elsie Woodsum	Ralph B. and Elsie S. (Young)
13	Robert Minot Bridges	Herbert C. and Bessie G. (Kelley)
16	Mary Regina Stratton	Joseph and Mary (Flynn)
20	Vincenza Zanzi	Carmello and Annie (DiNatali)
23	Carmino Graziano	Antonio and Angela (Messiano)
24	Joseph Calaghan Burke	Calaghan J. and Mary C. (Murphy)
25	Natalie Petrell	Janero J. and Mollie A. (Dianto)
27	——— Pratt	Myron L. and Annie E. (Rourke)
28	Stillborn	
29	Lillian Frazier	Peter and Anna (Downing)
31	Walter Baker Keller	Walter F. and Mary (Place)

If parents do not find their child's name in the above list or if the name is wrong, notify the Town Clerk immediately.

MARRIAGES IN 1915

JANUARY.

Date	Name	Age	Residence
20	William J. Winterflood	38	Braintree
	Ida M. (French) Pierce	42	Boston
21	Albert Milton Stewart	38	Braintree
	Maude Alice Bump	27	Randolph
26	John Robert Peterson	23	Quincy
	Judith A. Hallberg	22	Braintree
28	Arthur Frederick Minchin	22	Braintree
	Minnie D. Giles	22	Braintree

FEBRUARY.

3	Donald J. Keefe	25	Weymouth
	Pearl L. P. Bowering	18	Braintree
14	Arthur Herbert Horte	24	Braintree
	Ella Mildred Philips	22	Holbrook
15	Walter F. Williamson	21	Weymouth
	Teresa J. Frazier	22	Braintree

MARCH.

2	Ira B. Wyckoff	38	Braintree
	Mae A. (Parker) Luxton	30	Roxbury
31	Carl J. Hallberg	27	Braintree
	Anna M. Beckstrom	18	Braintree
27	Clifford L. Damon	21	Braintree
	Ethel M. Fisher	15	Braintree
31	Herbert Anson Barton	39	Brooklyn, N. Y.
	Mary Frances Fendall	40	Brooklyn, N. Y.

APRIL.

2	Lyman Howard Morrison	22	Braintree
	Minnie R. Hardwick	25	Quincy
6	Ralph Nelson Doble	27	Quincy
	Florence Agnes Dearing	26	Braintree
14	Loring M. Haseltine	28	Braintree
	Marguerite A. MacKenzie	26	Braintree
14	Eli Savoie	27	Quincy
	Mary F. Hughes	24	Braintree
16	Albert P. Pope	23	Dorchester
	Clio F. Akerstrom	22	Braintree
17	John L. Maynard	42	Weymouth
	Bertha L. (Tobey) Carr	27	Braintree
17	Howard M. Saunders	33	Braintree
	Sarah Elizabeth Allen	31	Braintree

Date	Name	Age	Residence
18	Albert Francis Frazier	20	Braintree
	Emma Franzi	18	Quincy
28	John J. Drinkwater, Jr.	29	Braintree
	Josephine F. Burns	28	Braintree

MAY.

9	Asa D. Archibald	24	Braintree
	Helen Vaughan	18	Randolph
9	Chester P. Gardner	29	Braintree
	Inez (Clement) Robbins	27	Bourne
27	Alvah E. McKean	21	Braintree
	Carrie E. Catlin	23	Braintree
27	Clarence L. Dickerman	25	Boston
	Marion D. Cordis	19	Brookville
29	Charles H. Pratt	27	Braintree
	Orlinda M. Loomis	17	Worcester

JUNE.

1	Charles W. Reed	43	Boston
	Sarah J. Orr	28	Braintree
8	Howard K. Abbott	28	New York
	Alice E. Lovelace	23	Bangor, Me.
10	William Kendrick, Jr.	27	Braintree
	Helen Irene Griffin	19	Braintree
17	Michael Angelo Rosa	23	Cambridge
	Mary Plumba	23	Braintree
17	Arthur C. Davenport	27	Braintree
	Grace W. Wheeler	25	Braintree
19	Albert T. Sloan	48	Braintree
	Mary E. White	31	Taunton
22	Walter J. Mattie	24	Braintree
	Anna Z. Kane	22	Quincy
23	August Hasselman	30	Boston
	Bessie L. Stevenson	28	Braintree
25	Edward W. Hobart	55	Braintree
	Mary L. Seavey	51	Worcester
29	Arthur H. Huesser	22	Beverly, N. J.
	Marion Norton Baker	25	Braintree.
30	Elmer Carlson	24	Westfield
	M. Bertha Dreghorn	24	Westfield

JULY.

3	Fred Immar	27	Jamaica Plain
	Emma Purin	19	Braintree

Date	Name	Age	Residence
4	Giovanni Valle	26	Braintree
	Rosalia Leo	18	Braintree
5	Theodore Forsyth	26	Barre, Vt.
	Christina Macdonald	25	Braintree
7	Hugh B. Killen	22	Weymouth
	Nancy Louise Locke	24	Braintree
8	Martin J. Welch	24	Braintree
	Julia L. Gagan	20	Weymouth
14	Joseph Forsyth	29	Braintree
	Edith Conlan	30	Braintree
19	Augustus Swain Boynton	31	New Britain, Conn.
	Alice Peabody Pain	30	Abington
20	Charles A. Pierson	31	Holbrook
	Edna B. Pawlowski	24	Holbrook
20	Robert Lockyer	28	Brighton
	Amelia P. Raasch	23	Braintree
31	Ernest A. Gage	33	Braintree
	Elizabeth E. (Smith) Kelley	35	Braintree

AUGUST.

6	Walter James McQuade	27	Braintree
	Lena May Bower	19	Braintree
7	James Shand	30	Braintree
	Florence (Pemberton) Lonsbury	36	Braintree
8	Jean Romeo Picard	25	Quincy
	Anne Adele DeYoung	25	Braintree
14	Daniel W. MacQueen	52	Braintree
	Ephemia MacLeoud	58	Cambridge
28	Leon B. Shaw	23	Braintree
	Marguerite E. Bates	19	Weymouth
29	Charles B. Pitts	22	Braintree
	Olga Falvitti	16	Dorchester

SEPTEMBER.

1	Everett P. Hull	23	Braintree
	Esther (Wentworth) DeCoste	27	Braintree
9	Raymond William Leonard	25	Foxboro
	Hazel Wentworth Varney	27	Braintree
11	Roy Cuming Brett	24	Braintree
	Marion Estelle Hopkins	20	North Woburn
14	Wilburn F. Wynot	30	Braintree
	Annie B. Scott	26	Braintree
15	Albert P. Nelson	26	Trenton, N. J.
	Jennie Helen Aitkin	22	Braintree

Date	Name	Age	Residence
18	Robert T. Whitmarsh	30	Braintree
	Harriet L. Litchfield	31	Weymouth
19	Constantino Delgiacco	27	Braintree
	Maria M. D'Ousfrio	22	Boston
20	Carl H. Bangs	28	Braintree
	Georgiana H. Kelley	28	Weymouth
22	James Dunn	33	Quincy
	Bessie Winkfield	39	Braintree
22	John T. Morrison	37	Youngwood, Pa.
	Annie J. Strathdee	31	Braintree
26	Amadio DiCarlo	22	Braintree
	Mary D'Berardini	19	Braintree
29	James H. Cook	32	Braintree
	Marion Louise Pinkham	33	Boothby Harbor, Me.

OCTOBER.

2	J. Thomas Baldwin	28	Braintree
	Florence O. Robinson	27	Braintree
4	John T. Beach	28	Braintree
	Edith Mildred Knowlton	23	Auburndale
5	Milton T. Jefferson	23	Austin, Texas
	Catherine Kelley	22	Braintree
6	Randolph A. Pollard	32	Winthrop
	Margaret Nelson Dam	22	Braintree
6	Thomas F. Egan	30	Holbrook
	Norah Mahoney	30	Braintree
10	Michael McSharry	28	Braintree
	Mary Sullivan	27	Dorchester
10	Michael J. Savage	42	Allston
	Hannah M. Sullivan	31	Braintree
10	John R. McGaughey, Jr.	28	Braintree
	Mary A. Carrigg	20	Holbrook
20	John J. Finnegan	28	Braintree
	Helen C. Marcelle	26	Quincy
20	Ralph D. Flint	25	Weymouth
	Fredricka E. Parker	21	Braintree
18	Walter E. Tirrell	20	Braintree
	Alice Christensen	18	Braintree
23	Horace H. Nogler	21	Braintree
	Florence L. Pentz	19	Braintree
27	Will D. McGlaughlin	54	Braintree
	Mary E. Austin	38	Quincy
27	Thomas H. Powell	22	Braintree
	Bertha L. Drysdale	18	Braintree

Date	Name	Age	Residence
27	Oton O. Winkfield	49	Braintree
	Mary E. (Smith) McNeil	51	Braintree
28	Malcolm C. Sargent	23	Quincy
	Helene Stockford	25	Braintree
31	Michael Richardi	21	Braintree
	Angelina Fabiano	21	Braintree

NOVEMBER.

4	John E. Bruch	42	Weymouth
	Lottie L. (Doyle) Cameron	43	Braintree
4	William R. Joyce	28	Quincy
	Alice I. Powers	22	Braintree
6	Anthony T. Ghiorsi	28	Brockton
	Elizabeth V. Foley	27	Braintree
14	Joseph Pouche	22	Braintree
	Stella Mighorini	17	Braintree
17	Aaron Pratt	23	Braintree
	Ida Norma Beckwith	19	Braintree
24	William Pelrine	45	Cambridge
	Susie Boudreau	29	Braintree
24	Henry G. Henderson	28	Boston
	Nellie Elvira Nelson	19	Quincy
24	Leo A. Tracey	28	Braintree
	Florence McGinnis	22	Boston
25	John Koveter	26	Braintree
	Clara P. Grace	24	Braintree
25	Henry John Madden, Jr.	23	Braintree
	Ida Alfreda Whitney	20	Braintree

DECEMBER.

19	Walter Edward Irvin	28	Philadelphia, Pa.
	Clara Lewis Notte	23	Quincy
25	H. Ellsworth Thayer	21	Braintree
	Aleda V. MacNeal	21	Fitchburg
26	Charles Franklin Cooke	33	Braintree
	Annie Irene Murphy	25	Roslindale
30	Joseph A. Link	38	Braintree
	Elizabeth A. Haar	33	Braintree
31	John B. Bradford	27	Chelsea
	Agnes Stewart	21	Myrick

Whole number of marriages, 97.

Birthplace of males.—Braintree, 19; other places in Massachusetts, 36; British Provinces, 8; Italy, 6; New York, 4; Pennsylvania, 4; Scotland, 4; England, 3; Maine, 3; Ireland, 3; Sweden, 2; Russia, Australia, Texas, Washington, D. C., 1 each.

Birthplace of females.—Braintree, 11; other places in Massachusetts, 50; British Provinces, 9; Maine, 5; Italy, 5; Ireland, 4; Sweden, 3; New York, 2; England, 2; Michigan, Russia, Rhode Island, Scotland, Louisiana, 1 each.

Residence of males.—Braintree, 58; Quincy, 7; Weymouth, 6; Holbrook, 2; other places in Massachusetts, 14; New York, 2; New Jersey, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Connecticut, Vermont, Texas, 1 each.

Residence of females.—Braintree, 59; Quincy, 6; Weymouth, 4; Holbrook, 3; Randolph, 2; other places in Massachusetts, 19; Maine, 2; New York, 1.

Marriages solemnized in Braintree, 46; Weymouth, 14; Quincy, 7; Randolph, 3; Holbrook, 2; other places in Massachusetts, 21; Maine, 1; Vermont, 2.

DEATHS IN 1915

JANUARY.

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
8	Charlotte Ellen Thomas	Massachusetts	53— 2— 0
11	Marcus O. Lane	Norton	69— 8— 27
11	Mortimer Gallivan	Ireland	88— 5— 10
15	Ann Long	Scotland	78— 8— 13
20	Oliver James Fuller	Jay, Maine	89— 11— 8
21	——— Levangie	Braintree	——— 2
28	Sarah Jane Anderson	Maine	70— 4— 17
30	——— Kaukola	Braintree	0— 0— 3

FEBRUARY.

3	——— Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
3	Eugenia Matilda Port	South Boston	32— 7— 29
3	William Alvah McKean	Nashua, N. H.	72— 5— 6
5	Ruth J. DeArcy	Braintree	75— 2— 8
6	Ruth Edith Carlson	Quincy	0— 4— 29
7	Joseph Milton Foster	Ware	73— 5— 8
8	Willie Herbert Shaw	Weymouth	57— 8— 7
8	Susie Maria Stevens	Braintree	54— 9— 16
12	——— Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
13	Annie Bird	P. E. I.	45— 10— 6
20	Eltie L. Nolte	E. Bridgewater	36— 10— 28
22	——— Nolte	Boston	0— 0— 3
22	Aaron Holden Wilson	Bethel, Vt.	69— 3— 2
23	——— Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
24	Gratsia Massina	Braintree	0— 1— 24
26	Emma Elizabeth Bowker	Brockton	67— 11— 24
26	Unknown	———	———

MARCH.

5	Herbert M. Dyer	Braintree	21— 4— 26
6	Robert Harold Cannon	Braintree	0— 4— 6
10	Grace Porter Randall	Braintree	54— 1— 19
15	Robert DeCoste	Nova Scotia	45— 0— 0
20	——— Moran	Braintree	0— 0— 2
22	Walter Eric Leth	Braintree	1— 1— 15

APRIL.

2	Jeremiah F. Cotter	Braintree	1— 0— 29
7	Charles L. Durfee	Holliston	47— 11— 28
10	Alice May Trott	Boston	0— 3— 0
11	Lizzie Caroline Minchin	Braintree	61— 9— 11

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
12	Concetta Oaliva	Italy	26— 0— 0
13	Rudolph Libertine	Braintree	0— 0— 1
14	Cornelius Smith	Ireland	77— 0— 0
15	——— Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
18	Jeremiah Dalton	Braintree	37— 8—16
24	Harrison Herbert Bates	Braintree	0— 6— 6
24	Bridget E. Ganley	Ireland	65— 0— 0
27	Joanna Beedle	Boston	40— 9— 8
28	Almira Jane Penniman	Braintree	78— 7—12
30	Helen Venilia Maynard	Newburyport	62— 3— 0

MAY.

1	Unknown		
5	Granville Yager	Oneonto, N. Y.	75— 1— 5
18	Jennie Wilson	Ireland	60—11—24
21	Mary S. Sewall	Abington	84— 9—15
26	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
31	Lewis Gregson	England	74— 7— 7

JUNE.

3	Louise Ellis	Wareham	86— 1—16
6	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
13	Emma Frances Kennedy	Cen. Village, Conn.	68— 6—16
14	Sarah Elizabeth Thayer	Braintree	89— 4— 3
16	Andrew Williams	Nova Scotia	93— 0— 0
18	Lucien Maganill	Braintree	0— 4— 1
18	George L. Dennehey	Braintree	23— 2— 2
19	Franklin Briggs	New Bedford	82— 9—17
26	Thomas Forsythe	Ireland	82— 1— 2
29	Catherine T. Morrissey	Ireland	75— 0— 0
29	Emma Frances Cain	Carver	66— 2—22

JULY.

2	Susan Jane Thayer	Braintree	81— 3—26
5	Lydia Ann Tupper	Braintree	68— 2—10
7	Albert R. Flick	N. Y. City	25— 0—20
9	Emily Jane Collins	Braintree	69— 9—25
13	Marion L. Dennehey	Braintree	17— 4— 9
16	Robert Ayrton Hickey	Braintree	0— 0— 1
20	Herbert C. Dennehey	Braintree	27— 7—29
26	George Frederick Fallon	Braintree	0— 3—11
27	Herbert Adams Vinton	Braintree	70— 2—15
29	Marcus M. Berry	Quincy	63—11—18

AUGUST.

1	Margaret Sullivan	New Brunswick	77— 2— 8
6	Adeline Shaw Terry	Westport	72— 8— 0

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
7	Malva Carlozzi	Braintree	0— 6— 7
9	Risaria Rossa Richardi	Italy	56— 0— 0
10	Bridget Kelley	Ireland	84— 0— 0
10	Mary Ella Cornell	N. Y. City	63— 2—25
14	Annie S. Hollis	Braintree	73— 3—23
14	——— Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
22	——— Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
24	Ralph Carlisle Cain	Braintree	0— 0— 1
27	Daniel Potter	Salem	80— 3—16

SEPTEMBER.

8	Franklin Grinnell Hathaway	Braintree	0— 5— 6
11	Daniel J. McDonald	Nova Scotia	56— 7— 1
17	John J. Kelley	Ireland	34— 0— 0
20	Oliver Burrill Kilburn	Providence, R. I.	87— 0—12
20	Blanche Wheeler McLellan	Rockport	59— 1—17
22	Margaret Burns	Braintree	0— 6—15
23	Mary M. Sargent	Newbury, N. H.	81— 6—17
24	J. Amanda Spear	Weymouth	78— 5—24
25	Charles Sampson Parnell	St. Andrews, N. B.	86—10—26
27	Bernard D. Lanthorn	Lawrence, Ohio	39— 0— 2

OCTOBER.

7	Edward J. Colgan	Ireland	50— 0— 0
12	Johnny Clito Barasso	Providence, R. I.	0— 7—10
15	Emily Alden	Braintree	74— 7—27
15	William Dickey	Braintree	69— 6— 6
18	——— Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
22	Jacob Klay	Switzerland	76— 4—22
27	Francis L. Leben	Germany	80— 4—17
29	George K. Bowie	Braintree	0— 4—29
30	Mary Helen Levangie	Nova Scotia	32— 6—17

NOVEMBER.

1	Lewis Kirk Howard	Londonderry, Vt.	80— 7—28
2	Avis Sawyer	Boston	88— 4—22
3	Mary Etta Reynolds	Randolph	74—10— 7
4	Michael T. Carroll	Pictou, N. S.	31— 2— 0
4	Herbert Federhen Caldwell	Quincy	39— 9—11
6	Ginna Pantano	Braintree	0— 8—15
6	Mary Smith	New York	75— 9—28
8	Juliette Allen Libby	Braintree	78— 8—25
8	John Thompson Sinclair	St. Johns, N. B.	74—11—26
9	William J. Madden	West Brookfield	46— 8— 3
11	Eliza A. Lang	E. Bridgewater	71— 8—19

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
15	Alice C. Hollywood	Wilmington, Del.	60— 3— 4
17	——— Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
18	Mary Agnes Pratt	Weymouth	52— 3— 7
19	Maria Rinaldo	Braintree	0— 2— 2
20	Ellen Elizabeth Wellwood	Canada	66—11—16
21	Emily Augusto Cate	Philadelphia, Pa.	95— 2—18
24	Emily F. Sharp	Scotland	60— 0— 0
26	Henry Joseph Burrill	Marlboro	24— 6—22
27	Mary E. Hill	Truro	61— 4— 1
27	Malcolm Harlin Baker	Truro	43— 0—14
29	Joseph E. Smith	Halifax, N. S.	37—10—26

DECEMBER.

4	J. Sargent Arnold	Braintree	67— 4—20
8	Anna M. Schraut	Germany	67—11—30
10	Ella May Curtis	Nova Scotia	48— 0—15
12	Andrew J. Sims	Boston	79— 0— 0
13	Jennie Wadsworth White	Rumford, Me.	70— 9—22
20	Frank Amasa Bates	Braintree	57— 9—15
21	Walter Henry Dunkerly	Braintree	0— 6—13
26	Joseph DeMas	Braintree	0— 1—18
28	——— Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0

Whole number of deaths, 133; males, 63; females, 70; single, 52; married, 41; widowed, 39; unknown, 1.

Birthplace.—Braintree, 52; other places in Massachusetts, 33; British Provinces, 12; Ireland, 9; New York, 4; Maine, 3; New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Scotland, Italy, Germany, unknown, 2 each; Connecticut, Ohio, Delaware, Pennsylvania, England, Switzerland, 1 each.

Birthplace of fathers.—Braintree, 14; other places in Massachusetts, 36; Ireland, 20; Italy, 12; British Provinces, 9; unknown, 8; England, 8; Maine, 4; Scotland, 3; New Hampshire, 3; New York, Vermont, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, 2 each; Alabama, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Australia, Germany, 1 each.

Birthplace of mothers.—Braintree, 10; other places in Massachusetts, 37; Ireland, 17; British Provinces, 15; unknown, 12; Italy, 10; England, 5; New Hampshire, 4; Maine, Vermont, 3 each; Scotland, 3; Finland, Sweden, 2 each; Connecticut, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Rhode Island, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Germany, France, 1 each.

Ages.—Under 1 day, 1; 1 to 2 days, 4; 2 to 3 days, 2; 3 days to 1 week, 1; 1 to 2 months, 1; 2 to 3 months, 2; 3 to 6 months, 6; 6 to 9 months, 6; 1 year, 2; 15 to 19 years, 1; 20 to 24 years, 3;

25 to 29, 3; 30 to 34, 4; 35 to 39, 5; 40 to 44, 2; 45 to 49, 5; 50 to 54, 5; 55 to 59, 5; 60 to 64, 8; 65 to 69, 12; 70 to 74, 12; 75 to 79, 12; 80 to 84, 9; 85 to 90, 7; 90 to 94, 1; 95 to 99, 1; unknown, 2; still-born, 11.

Diseases—Arterio-sclerosis, 14; heart disease, 13; pneumonia, 11; stillborn, 11; pulmonary tuberculosis, 8; cerebral hemorrhage, 6; carcinoma, 6; cancer, 5; paralysis, nephritis, accident, 4 each; premature birth, typhoid fever, 3 each; Bright's disease, peritonitis, asphyxiation, pthisis pulmoralis, senile debility, diarrhea, tabes dorsalis, 2 each; cephalemia, malformation of cranium, post-partum hemorrhage, cirrhosis of liver, intussusception, placenta previa, congenital atelectasis, abscess, atelectasis, laryngitis, measles, mitral regurgitation, hemiplegia, open foramen, erysipelas, cholera infantum, cholecystitis, convulsions, angina pectoris, malnutrition, enteritis, edema of lungs, suicide, inanition, ulcer, sarcoma of spine, marasmus, 1 each.

REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and
Highway Surveyors

OF THE

TOWN OF BRAINTREE

For the Year ending December 31, 1915

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Town of Braintree the Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors, respectfully submit their Annual Report, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1915.

HENRY M. STORM,
GEORGE H. HOLBROOK,
B. HERBERT WOODSUM,

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor,
and Highway Surveyors.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

APPROPRIATIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING.

LEGISLATIVE.

Moderator, salary	\$25.00
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EXECUTIVE.

Selectmen, salaries	\$487.50	
Clerical help and other expenses	400.00	
		\$887.50

FINANCIAL.

Auditors, salaries		\$150.00
Treasurer, salary	\$525.00	
Other expenses	50.00	
Bond	120.00	
		\$695.00
Collector, salary	\$600.00	
Other expenses	150.00	
Bond	100.00	
		\$850.00
Assessors, salaries	\$487.50	
Clerical help and other expenses	750.00	
		\$1,237.50

OTHER GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.

Town Clerk, salary	\$650.00	
Other expenses	250.00	
		\$900.00
Law		\$250.00
Election and Registration:		
Registrars, salaries	\$150.00	
Other expenses	700.00	
		\$850.00

TOWN HALL.

Janitor, salary	\$550.00	
Maintenance, plus income	500.00	
Insurance	75.00	
Insurance on boilers	30.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,155.50

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police, salaries	\$3,741.25	
Extra Patrolman	\$300	
Balance 1914	48	
	<hr/>	\$348.00
Other expenses	300.00	
Court expenses	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,439.25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Pay of Firemen	\$2,586.00	
Extra pay of Firemen	400.00	
General expenses	900.00	
Hydrant service	6,450.00	
New hose	560.00	
Painting Hose Wagon No. 3	50.00	
Concrete platform at Hose House		
No. 2	\$30	
Balance 1914	40	
	<hr/>	70.00
Fire alarm, maintenance	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,316.00

INSPECTION.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Salary	\$200.00	
Other expenses	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$275.00

FORESTRY.

Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail		
Moths	\$2,400.00	
Care of trees	500.00	
Forest fires	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,300.00.

HEALTH.

Board of Health, salaries	\$300.00	
Other expenses	100.00	
Printing	200.00	
Fumigation	200.00	
Contagious diseases	500.00	
Care of dumps	100.00	
Vital statistics	50.00	
Inspection of animals	100.00	
Inspection of meat and provisions ..	300.00	
Inspection of milk	100.00	
Inspection of plumbing	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,250.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Highway Surveyors, salaries	\$487.50	
Clerical help and other expenses	175.00	
General repairs, stone roads and		
oiling streets, plus Abutters' Tax,		
Excise Tax, Street Railway Tax .	15,000.00	
Snow expense	1,000.00	
Street lighting	6,264.00	
Construction of Washington Street,		
Braintree Highlands	5,000.00	
Construction of Victoria Avenue	500.00	
Grading Standish Avenue	390.00	
Extension Robinson Avenue and		
Mt. Vernon Street	\$300	
	100	
	<hr/>	400.00

Construction of Oak Street	250.00	
Sidewalk, Union Street	300.00	
		<hr/> \$29,766.50

CHARITIES.

Overseers of Poor, salaries	\$487.50	
Clerical help and other expenses	225.00	
Outside relief, plus refunds	5,000.00	
Braintree Home, maintenance	1,600.00	
Insurance	60.00	
Repairs	200.00	
To be expended under Chapter 763, Acts of 1913	1,300.00	
		<hr/> \$8,872.50

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

State Aid and Soldiers' burials	\$2,700.00	
Military aid	144.00	
Soldiers' Relief	800.00	
		<hr/> \$3,644.00

EDUCATION.

Teachers and Superintendent, salaries (Plus dog tax and school fund) .	\$41,000.00	
Janitors, salaries	4,950.00	
Text books and supplies	\$2,500.00	
Balance 1914	259.25	
		<hr/> 2,759.25
Incidentals	800.00	
Buildings and grounds, repairs and expenses	1,000.00	
Fuel	2,700.00	
Transportation of pupils	1,700.00	
Insurance on buildings	353.70	
Insurance on boilers	137.25	
Hollis School, repairs	2,000.00	
Lincoln School, grading	300.00	
Penniman School, completing hall ...	300.00	
		<hr/> \$58,000.20

LIBRARY.

General expenses	\$1,500.00	
Distribution of books (East Braintree)	150.00	
Janitor, salary	250.00	
Support of Library in Precinct Three	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,900.00

RECREATION.

Town lands	\$150.00	
Hollis Playground, balance 1914	202.23	
	<hr/>	\$352.23

UNCLASSIFIED.

Miscellaneous expenses	\$2,000.00	
Memorial Day	200.00	
Compensation of Public Employees for injuries	350.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,550.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES.**Electric Light Department:**

Lighting Board, salaries	\$300.00	
Depreciation Fund	4,670.62	
Street light extension	503.38	
Operating, etc., balance of 1914 ..	401.68	
	<hr/>	\$5,875.68

Water Department:

Extension of mains, Liberty St. .		\$4,000.00
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CEMETERY.

Plain Street Cemetery	\$150.00
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INTEREST.

On \$10,000 notes held by N. H. Hunt Trust, 12 months	\$400.00
On \$7,500 notes held by Thayer Library, 12 months	300.00
On \$2,500 notes held by Thayer Library, 12 months	100.00

On \$10,000 bonds, Abraham Lincoln School, 6 months	175.00	
On \$8,000 bonds, Abraham Lincoln School, 6 months	140.00	
On \$54,500 bonds, Hollis School, 6 months	1,090.00	
On \$51,000 bonds, Hollis School, 6 months	1,020.00	
On \$44,000 bonds, Town Hall, 6 months	880.00	
On \$41,000 bonds, Town Hall, 6 months	820.00	
On \$3,500 bonds, Playground 6 months	70.00	
On \$3,000 bonds, Playground, 6 months	60.00	
On \$271,500 bonds and notes, Water Loans, 12 months	10,860.00	
On \$16,500 bonds, Electric Light Loan, 12 months	660.00	
Discount on loans in anticipation of Revenue	2,400.00	
		<hr/> \$18,975.00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Payment of Stetson note	\$2,500.00	
Payment of note, Hunt Trust	1,000.00	
Payment of note, Thayer Library ..	750.00	
Payment of note, Thayer Library	500.00	
Payment of note, Mayflower Park Water Loan	1,000.00	
Payment of note, Abraham Lincoln School	2,000.00	
Payment of bonds, Hollis School	3,500.00	
Payment of bonds, Town Hall	3,000.00	
Payment of bonds, Hollis Playground	500.00	
		<hr/> \$14,750.00

SINKING FUNDS.

Municipal Light Board	\$430.00	
Water Loans	5,120.00	\$5,550.00

Total appropriations at Annual Meeting\$183,966.86

ASSESSORS' ACCOUNT.

Legislative	\$25.00
Executive	887.50
Auditors	150.00
Treasurer	695.00
Collector	850.00
Assessors	1,237.50
Town Clerk	900.00
Law	250.00
Election and Registration	850.00
Town Hall	1,155.50
Police Department	4,439.25
Fire Department	11,316.00
Sealers of Weights and Measures	275.00
Forestry	3,300.00
Health	2,250.00
Highway and Bridges	29,766.50
Charities	8,872.50
Soldiers' Benefits	3,644.00
Education	58,000.20
Library	2,900.00
Recreation	352.23
Miscellaneous expenses	2,350.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Electric Light Department	5,875.68
Water Department	4,000.00
Cemetery	150.00
Interest	18,975.00
Municipal Indebtedness	14,750.00
Sinking funds	5,550.00

Total appropriations for 1915 \$183,966.86

Less amounts appropriated but not raised by taxation:

Pay of extra Patrolmen	\$48.00	
Concrete platform at Hose House No. 2	40.00	
On Salary Sealer of Weights and Measures	75.00	
Extension of Robinson Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street	100.00	
State Aid and Soldiers' Burials	2,700.00	
Military Aid	72.00	
Text books and supplies	259.25	
Support of Library, Precinct Three ..	1,000.00	
Hollis Playground	202.23	
Electric Light Department:		
Salary of Lighting Board	\$300.00	
Depreciation Fund	4670.62	
Street light extension	503.38	
Operating expenses, etc.	401.68	
Interest on bonds	660.00	
Sinking Fund	430.00	
	<hr/>	6,965.68
Water Department:		
Interest on water debt	10,860.00	
On Municipal indebtedness	3,900.62	
Bank and Corporation taxes (esti- mated)	6,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$32,222.78
Total amount of appropriations raised by taxation		\$151,744.08

TAX FOR TOWN, COUNTY AND STATE PURPOSES.

Town tax	\$151,744.08
County tax	6,238.61
State tax	17,452.50

METROPOLITAN PARKS TAX.

Proportion of Parks sinking fund ..	\$93.65	
Proportion of Boulevard sinking fund	29.97	
Proportion of Nantasket sinking fund	10.14	
Proportion of Parks Serial Bonds	15.31	
Proportion of Boulevard Serial Bonds	10.31	
	<hr/>	\$159.38
Proportion of Parks interest	\$529.72	
Proportion of Boulevard interest	202.15	
Proportion of Nantasket interest	58.17	
	<hr/>	\$790.04
Proportion of Parks maintenance	\$869.14	
Proportion of Boulevard maintenance	251.83	
Proportion of Nantasket maintenance	105.91	
	<hr/>	\$1,226.88

CHARLES RIVER BASIN.

Serial Bonds	\$22.32	
Interest	276.83	
Maintenance	316.14	
	<hr/>	\$615.29
State Highway tax		139.76
Overlayings		4,184.51
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		\$182,551.05
Abutters' tax on oiling and watering streets		1,427.59
Moth tax for work on private property		1,239.70
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Total commitment August 6, 1915 ...	\$185,218.34	
Street Railway excise tax	2,376.10	
Additional poll taxes and omitted taxes committed Dec. 27, 1915 ..		961.05
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Total commitment 1915		\$188,555.49

Valuation Prec.	1	2	3	Total
Buildings	\$1,717,600	\$1,893,800	\$1,546,215	\$5,157,615
Land	864,125	991,750	647,600	2,503,475
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	\$2,581,725	\$2,885,550	\$2,193,815	\$7,661,090
Personal property	665,025	460,575	650,600	1,776,200
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Total valuation	\$3,246,750	\$3,346,125	\$2,844,415	\$9,437,290
Tax for all purposes:				
Real estate	\$48,536.43	\$54,248.34	\$41,243.72	\$144,028.49
Personal prop.	12,502.47	8,658.81	12,231.28	33,392.56
Polls	2,084.00	1,552.00	1,494.00	5,130.00
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	\$63,122.90	\$64,459.15	\$54,969.00	\$182,551.05
Oiling and watering streets:				
	\$421.05	\$665.24	\$341.30	\$1,427.59
Moth tax	352.20	604.25	283.25	1,239.70
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				\$185,218.34
Street Railway excise tax				2,376.10
Additional poll taxes and omitted taxes				961.05
				<hr/>
				\$188,555.49
\$182,551.05 to be raised by taxation on 2565 polls and a valuation of \$9,437,290 makes the rate per \$1000 valuation				
				\$18.80

	Raised by Taxation	Per cent.of Total Tax	Division of Tax Rate
Legislative	\$25.00	.00 013	.00 2444
Executive	887.50	.00 471	.08 8548
Auditors	150.00	.00 080	.01 5040
Treasurer	695.00	.00 369	.06 9372
Collector	850.00	.00 451	.08 4788
Assessors	1,237.50	.00 651	.12 2388
Town Clerk	900.00	.00 477	.08 9676
Law	250.00	.00 133	.02 5004

Election and registration	850.00	.00 451	.08 4788
Town Hall	1,155.50	.00 613	.11 5244
Police Department	4,391.25	.02 329	.43 7852
Fire Department	11,276.00	.05 980	1.12 4240
Sealing Weights and Measures	200.00	.00 106	.01 9928
Forestry	3,300.00	.01 750	.32 9000
Health	2,250.00	.01 193	.22 4284
Highways and bridges .	29,666.50	.15 734	2.95 7992
Charities	8,872.50	.04 706	.88 4728
Soldiers' Benefits	872.00	.00 462	.08 6856
Education	57,740.95	.30 623	5.75 7124
Library	1,900.00	.01 008	.18 9504
Recreation	150.00	.00 080	.01 5040
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	.01 061	.19 9468
Memorial Day	200.00	.00 106	.01 9928
Compensation Public Employees	350.00	.00 186	.03 4968
Water Department	4,000.00	.02 121	.39 8748
Cemetery	150.00	.00 080	.01 5040
Municipal indebtedness.	10,849.38	.05 754	1.08 1752
Interest	7,455.00	.03 959	.74 4292
Sinking fund	5,120.00	.02 715	.51 0420
State tax	17,452.50	.09 256	1.74 0128
Metropolitan Parks tax	2,176.30	.01 154	.21 6952
Charles River Basin tax	615.29	.00 326	.06 1288
State Highway tax	139.76	.00 074	.01 3912
County tax	6,238.61	.03 309	.62 2092
Overlayings	4,184.51	.02 219	.41 7172
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	\$188,551.05	1.00 000	\$18.80 0000
Less Bank and Corpora- tion tax (estimated)	6,000.00		
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	\$182,551.05		

	Precincts	1	2	3	Total
Number of polls		1042	776	747	2565
Number of residents assessed on property:					
Individuals		634	574	485	1693
All others		59	50	43	152
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		693	624	528	1845
Number of non-residents assessed on property:					
Individuals		143	130	229	502
All others		22	17	26	65
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		165	147	255	567
Number of persons assessed:					
On property		858	771	783	2412
Poll tax only		728	509	473	1710
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		1586	1280	1256	4122
Number of horses assessed ..		166	154	90	410
Number of cows assessed ...		102	163	119	384
Number of swine assessed ...		293	0	25	318
Number of fowl assessed		500	375	225	1100
Number of dwelling houses					
assessed		701	649	616	1966
Number of acres of land					
assessed		4050	2045	1822	7917

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

Total appropriations	\$183,966.86	
Total credits	8,465.25	
Total special taxes	7,458.47	
Total overlay account	8,912.18	
Total overdrafts	2,779.87	
Total school fund	350.00	
Total dog tax	887.29	
		\$212,819.92
Total payments	\$161,151.71	
Total unexpended balances	14,492.04	
Total payments where no orders were drawn	37,176.17	
		\$212,819.92

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Legislative.

Moderator,

appropriation	\$25.00
Paid Woodsum, Benjamin H.	\$25.00

Executive.

Selectmen,

salaries, appropriation	\$487.50
Paid Holbrook, George H.	\$162.50
Storm, Henry M.	162.50
Woodsum, B. Herbert	162.50
	\$487.50

Clerical help and other expenses,

Appropriation	\$400.00
Credit	3.00
Overdraft	38.02
	\$441.02

Paid Adams Express Co.	\$.21	
Hobbs & Warren	5.76	
Holbrook, George H.	6.00	
Michelson, N. Co.	1.00	
Porter, B. E.	156.00	
Pratt & Pratt	124.00	
Prescott, G. W. Pub. Co.	92.50	
South Braintree P. O.	19.40	
Webster, F. S. Co.....	36.15	
	<hr/>	\$441.02

Credit.

Texas Company\$3.00

Financial.**Auditors,**

salaries, appropriation		\$150.00
Paid McKean, William A., 1914	\$50.00	
Oakman, Otis B., 1914	50.00	
Tarbox, C. Frederick, 1914	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$150.00

Treasurer,

salary, appropriation	\$525.00	
Credit	109.38	
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Paid Dyer, Benjamin F.	\$525.00	
Oakman, Otis B.	109.38	
	<hr/>	\$634.38

Credit.

Dyer, Benjamin F., refund \$109.38

Other expenses,

appropriation		\$50.00
Paid Dyer, Benjamin F.	\$25.00	
Globe Stamp Works	2.11	
Hobbs & Warren	5.07	
McArdle, H. B.	1.50	
Oakman, Otis B.	8.50	
So. Braintree P. O.	1.94	
	<hr/>	\$44.12

Unexpended balance	5.88	
	<hr/>	\$50.00
Bond,		
Appropriation	\$120.00	
Overdraft	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$240.00
Paid Cummings, Charles B.	120.00	
Cummings, Charles B.	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$240.00
Collector,		
Salary, appropriation		\$600.00
Paid Smith, Frank A.		\$600.00
Other expenses		
Appropriation	\$150.00	
Credits	12.00	
Overdraft	45.32	
	<hr/>	\$207.32
Paid Pratt & Pratt	\$75.07	
Prescott, Eben	3.50	
Prescott, G. W. Pub. Co. ....	.75	
Braintree P. O.	127.00	
Turner, Fred A.	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$207.32
Credits.		
Certificate of tax information	\$12.00	
Bond,		
Appropriation		\$100.00
Paid Vinton, Henry B.		\$100.00
Assessors,		
Salaries, appropriation		\$487.50
Paid Drinkwater, Albion C.	\$162.50	
Mansfield, Henry W.	162.50	
Storm, Henry M.	162.50	
	<hr/>	\$487.50
Clerical help and other expenses,		
Appropriation	\$750.00	
Overdraft	33.12	
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Paid Auto List Publishing Co.	\$5.00	
Banker & Tradesman	5.00	
Brownell, A. W.	6.06	
Burdakin, E. L.	81.40	
Cain, Thomas J.	3.00	
Electric Express .....	.60	
Hobbs & Warren	5.68	
Hollis, C. J.	11.00	
Jones, William	6.00	
Mansfield, Henry W.	162.50	
McArdle, H. B.	1.50	
McCoole, J. R.	39.50	
Porter, B. E.	156.00	
Pratt & Pratt, poll books	140.00	
Prescott, E. Wentworth	9.50	
South Braintree P. O.	3.88	
Storm, Henry M.	7.50	
White, Hartley L.	139.00	
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		\$783.12
Bills payable	\$35.00	
Other Finance.		
Paid Bureau of Statistics		\$22.00
See Miscellaneous Expenses.		
Town Clerk,		
Salary, appropriation		\$650.00
Paid Henry A. Monk	\$650.00	
Other expenses,		
Appropriation		\$250.00
Paid Adams Express Co. ....	.27	
Electric Express .....	.30	
Henry A. Monk recording fees in 1914:		
224 births	\$112.00	
101 marriages	20.20	
122 deaths	24.40	
122 burial permits ...	12.20	
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		\$168.80
Cash expenses	2.79	
Pratt & Pratt	30.50	

Prescott, G. W. Pub. Co.	18.00
Thorp & Martin Co.	10.25

\$230.91

Unexpended balance	19.09
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\$250.00

Law,

Appropriation	\$250.00
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Paid Mellen, C. C.	\$106.00
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Unexpended balance	144.00
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\$250.00

Election and Registration.**Registrars,**

Salaries, appropriation	\$150.00
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Paid Allen, William	\$50.00
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Cummings, Charles B.	50.00
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McKean, Walter N.	50.00
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\$150.00

Other expenses,

Appropriation	\$700.00
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Overdraft	61.09
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\$761.09

Paid Election Officers	\$292.00
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Constables	33.00
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Hill, J. Samuel	15.00
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Whitmarsh, Frank O.	15.00
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Bestick, Clarence R.	6.00
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Maybury, William E.	2.00
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Whitmarsh, Frank O.	4.00
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Adams Express Co.47
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Atkinson, Albert D.	12.00
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Bailey, H. W. & Co.	9.60
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Braintree Home	48.00
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Cain, Thomas J.	6.00
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Dalby, W. H.	33.68
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Hayward Bros.	11.33
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Monk, Henry A., cash expenses .	11.67
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Pratt & Pratt	115.50
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Prescott, G. W., Pub. Co.	55.50	
Rhines Lumber Co.	3.34	
Rowe, Mrs. George H.	37.00	
Tolman, E. K.	50.00	
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		\$761.09

Town Hall.

Total appropriations	\$1,155.50	
Total credits	976.56	
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		\$2,132.06
Total payments	\$1,885.27	
Total unexpended balances	246.79	
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		\$2,132.06

Janitor,

Appropriation	\$550.00
Paid Sullivan, Michael J.	\$550.00

Maintenance,

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Credits	976.56	
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		\$1,476.56
Paid Atkinson, A. D.	\$4.00	
Binney, Henry D.	2.50	
Chandler & Finnegan	1.93	
Chandler, Fred L.	17.93	
Cobb, William H.	1.80	
Electric Light Department	254.42	
Gage, R. A.	42.75	
Highways, Prec.1	25.00	
Hobart, C. H.	4.63	
Holbrook, George H.	135.01	
Howard, E. Clock Co.	16.73	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	6.87	
Old Colony Gas Co.	6.28	
Saums Sales Co.	6.44	
Fitts, F. E., Mfg. & Supply Co ..	3.75	
Stone, R. N.	45.00	
Sundry persons, labor	65.00	
Walworth Mfg. Co. ....	.43	

Water Department	32.24
West Disinfecting Co.	24.63
Woodsum Coal Co.	587.43

\$1,284.77

Unexpended balance	191.79
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\$1,476.56

Credits.

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$3.06
Rent of Hall	973.50

\$976.56

Insurance,

Appropriation		\$75.00
Paid Miller, Charles O.	\$10.00	
Sampson, George E.	10.00	

\$20.00

Unexpended balance	55.00
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\$75.00

Insurance boilers,

Appropriation		\$30.50
Paid Sampson, George E.		\$30.50

PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Police Department.

Total appropriations	\$4,439.25
Total credits	573.24

\$5,012.49

Total payments	\$4,894.01
Total unexpended balances	118.48

\$5,012.49

Police,

Salaries, appropriation		\$3,741.25
Paid Gallivan, Jeremiah F.	\$979.25	
Hunt, Horace F.	269.50	
Johnson, August	912.50	

Reviere, George W.	655.00	
Shay, John P.	912.50	
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	\$3,728.75	
Unexpended balance	12.50	
	<hr/>	\$3,741.25
Extra Patrolmen,		
Appropriation		\$348.00
Paid Krohn, Philip J.	\$138.00	
O'Malley, Thomas F.	90.00	
Reviere, George W.	6.00	
Ward, Peter J.	99.00	
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	\$333.00	
Unexpended balance	15.00	
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Other expenses,		
Appropriation	\$300.00	
Credits	1.77	
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Court expenses,		
Appropriation	\$50.00	
Credits	571.47	
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	<hr/>	\$923.24
Paid Gallivan, Jeremiah F., expenses		
on dogs	\$1.00	
Johnson, August, expenses on		
dogs	14.33	
Reviere, George W., expenses on		
dogs	10.33	
Shay, John P., expenses on dogs	32.33	
Cain, Thomas J.	7.00	
Hill, Charles E.	2.00	
Hollis, C. J.	22.50	
Meier, M. C.	7.50	
Patch, Frank K.	19.75	
Braintree Home, care of prison-		
ers	21.25	

Quincy, City of, care of prisoners	25.00	
Weymouth, Town of, care of prisoners	13.75	
Calabro, Placido	6.00	
Granite City Print	2.50	
Haskell, M. A. & Co.	1.00	
Hunt, Horace F.	26.70	
Iver-Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	26.26	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	56.82	
Quincy, City of, pay of men	18.00	
Ray Detective Agency, 1914	425.00	
Shay, John P.	42.70	
Sundry persons, July 3rd and 4th	33.00	
Sundry persons	7.50	
Young, Jesse, expense returning boys	10.04	
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	\$832.26	
Unexpended balance	90.98	
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		\$923.24

Credits.

Johnson, August	\$.80
Reviere, George W.97
Capen, S. H., Sheriff	150.00
District Court	421.47
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	\$573.24

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Total appropriations	\$11,316.00	
Total credits	13.50	
Total overdrafts	459.51	
	<hr/>	\$11,789.01
Total payments	\$11,750.06	
Total unexpended balances	38.95	
	<hr/>	\$11,789.01

Pay of Engineers and Firemen.

Appropriation		\$2,586.00
Paid Chief Engineer	\$1,040.00	
Engineers	\$60.00	
	52.93	
	<hr/>	112.93
Poll taxes	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,158.93
Steward No. 2	75.00	
Steward No. 3	75.00	

Hose Company No. 1 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Paid Firemen	\$400.00	
Poll taxes	38.00	
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Hose Company No. 2.

Paid Firemen	\$188.33	
Poll taxes	16.00	
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Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

Paid Firemen	\$188.74	
Poll taxes	18.00	
	<hr/>	\$206.74

Hose Company, No. 3.

Paid Firemen	\$190.00	
Poll taxes	18.00	
	<hr/>	\$208.00

Hook and Ladder Company No. 3.

Paid Firemen	\$190.00	
Poll taxes	18.00	
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		\$2,574.00
Unexpended balance .		12.00
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Extra Pay of Firemen.

Appropriation		\$400.00
Paid Hose Company and Hook and Ladder Company No. 1	\$143.70	
Hose Company No. 2 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 2 .	124.05	
Hose Company No. 3 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 3 .	126.30	
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		\$394.05
Unexpended balance	5.95	
	<hr/>	\$400.00
Bills payable	\$343.75	

General Expenses of Fire Department.

Appropriation	\$900.00	
Credits	13.50	
Overdraft	459.03	
	<hr/>	\$1,372.53

Horses.

Paid Branley, Michael J. .	\$157.50	
Cain, Thomas J.	8.00	
Dimmock, Caleb I. ..	45.00	
Piercy, Fred W.	170.00	
Sheppard, J. F. & Sons, Inc.	177.75	
Sypher, James O.	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$573.25

Fuel and Light.

Paid Electric Light De-	
partment	\$66.53
Maher, John J.	4.88
Woodsum Coal Co. ..	41.00
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	\$112.41

Equipment and Repairs.

Paid American - LaFrance	
Co.	\$13.77
Barnes, Henry K., Co.	26.40
Bates, L. F., Co.	9.89
Buick Motor Co. ....	.95
C. C. C. Fire Hose &	
Rubber Co.	20.79
Callahan, Cornelius,	
Co.	18.00
Central Garage	61.95
Cobb, William H. ...	1.60
Combination Ladder	
Co.	22.96
Enterprise Rubber Co.	54.45
Evans, George, & Co.	.65
Flentze, Ernst	100.00
Gill, Patrick J.	1.00
Gilman, C. E.	6.10
Jordan, W. I.	3.35
Pyrene Co. of N. E. .	6.40
Qualey, Lucius A. ..	3.50
Spaulding, R. N.	2.00
Tupper, F. F.	20.00
Wentworth, Fred H. .	6.40
Whitmarsh, S. E. ...	1.00
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	\$381.16

Repairs on Buildings.

Paid Holbrook, George H.	\$25.00
Skinner, W. B.	16.07
Whitmarsh, F. O. ...	19.55
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	\$60.62

Other Expenses.

Paid Bailey, H. W. & Co. .	\$6.45	
Barnes, Henry A. . . .	3.00	
Chemical Spray Co. .	1.35	
Cronin, George	3.00	
Dallman, H. I., Co. . .	13.50	
Electric Express	2.15	
Fitts, F. E., Mfg. & Supply Co.	2.50	
Haseltine, D. C.	2.75	
Haskell, M. A., & Co.	10.24	
Hill, J. Samuel	3.00	
Hobart, C. H.	6.14	
Hollis, C. J.	4.00	
Levangie, G. Albert .	2.50	
Loring, G. E., & Co. .	2.95	
Means, Charles J. . . .	9.80	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	54.49	
Patch, Frank K.	3.00	
Poole, Herbert A. . . .	34.31	
Prescott, Eben	3.50	
Qualey, James E.	20.00	
South, Harry F.	1.13	
Sundry persons, labor on hose	9.10	
Tenney, F. A.	4.28	
Torrey, W. A. & Co. .	8.50	
Water Department . .	22.50	
Whitman, H. B.	1.15	
Whitmarsh, F. O. . . .	6.80	
Wilbur, Harry	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$245.09
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		\$1,372.53

Credits.

Rent of Engine Hall, No. 3	\$13.50	
Hydrant Service,		
Appropriation		\$6,450.00
Paid Water Department		\$6,450.00

New Hose,

Appropriation		\$560.00
Paid Eureka Fire Hose Mfg. Co.	\$294.00	
Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co.	245.00	
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	\$539.00	
Unexpended balance	21.00	
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		\$560.00

Platform House No. 2,

Appropriation	\$70.00
Paid Whitmarsh, Frank O.	\$70.00

Painting Hose Wagon No. 3,

Appropriation	\$50.00
Paid Gilman, C. E.	\$50.00

Fire Alarm.**Maintenance,**

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Overdraft48	
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		\$300.48
Paid Electric Light Department	\$14.40	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph		
Co.	9.71	
Lawrence, F. B.	200.00	
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	76.37	
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		\$300.48

Weights and Measures.

Total appropriation	\$200.00	
Total fees appropriated to salary of		
Sealer	64.00	
Total licenses (peddlers)	119.00	
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		\$383.00
Total payments	\$304.98	
Total unexpended balances	78.02	
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		\$383.00

Sealer,

Salary, appropriation	\$125.00	
Plus fees	64.00	
Plus licenses	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$200.00

Paid Hannaford, C. S. \$200.00

Other expenses,

Appropriation	\$75.00	
Licenses (peddlers)	108.00	
	<hr/>	\$183.00

Paid Bailey, H. W., & Co.	\$7.00	
Electric Express Co. ....	.50	
Frazier, John A., refund	1.00	
Globe Stamp Works	6.36	
Hannaford, Charles S. \$38.20		
Insurance 11.25		

49.45

Hennessey Brass Works	11.50	
Hobbs & Warren	19.92	
Pratt & Pratt	4.00	
Prescott, G. W., Pub. Co.	5.25	

\$104.98

Unexpended balance 78.02

\$183.00
FORESTRY.

Total appropriations	\$3,300.00	
“ Credits	1,791.86	
“ Taxes	1,241.70	
“ Overdrafts	40.46	
	<hr/>	\$6,374.02
“ Payments	\$6,295.12	
“ Unexpended balances	78.90	
	<hr/>	\$6,374.02

Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Suppression,

Appropriation	\$2,400.00	
Taxes	1,241.70	
Credits	1,782.28	
	<hr/>	\$5,423.98

Paid Barker, F. D.	\$8.31	
Barrett Mfg. Co.	43.18	
Bestick, Clarence R.	681.00	
Bestick, Clarence R.	378.31	
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co. ....	.29	
Electric Express ....	.25	
Braintree Hardware Co.	7.82	
Chandler, F. L. ....	.95	
Crandall Packing Co.	27.75	
Damon, Seth	1.50	
Dow Mfg. Co.	119.35	
Farquhar, F. & G.	4.00	
Farwell, W. M.	17.00	
Fitzhenry-Guptill Co.	163.45	
Fogg's Express ....	.25	
Ludden, J. E. ....	.35	
Merrimac Chemical Co.	678.98	
Merritt, Mary L.	3.00	
Mischler & Sampson	9.00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	4.30	
Pratt & Pratt	12.25	
Prescott, G. W., Pub. Co.	5.00	
Rhines Lumber Co. ....	.28	
Standard Oil Co. of N. Y.	25.65	
Stewart, F. W.50	
Whitman, R. E.	4.50	
Sundry persons, labor	3,171.18	
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	\$5,368.40	
Unexpended balance	55.58	
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		\$5,423.98

Credits.

Bay State St. Ry. Co.	\$7.00
Buker, Bert	3.00
Davis, Miss Ida	1.50
Hollingsworth, Ellis	1,698.28

Hollis, N. Eugene	23.50
Holmes, Charles C.	1.00
Marshall, Charles	3.00
Miller, George T.	25.00
State of Massachusetts	20.00

\$1,782.28

Care of Trees

Appropriation		\$500.00
Paid Bestick, Clarence R.	\$81.00	
Bestick, Clarence R.	51.00	
Cobb, William H.	12.66	
Sundry persons, labor	332.02	
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	\$476.68	
Unexpended balance	23.32	
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		\$500.00

Forest Fires,

Appropriation	\$400.00	
Credits	9.58	
Overdraft	40.46	
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		\$450.04
Paid Adams Express Co.30	
C. C. C. Fire Hose & Rubber Co.	30.80	
Cutting, James M., Warden	125.00	
Electric Express	2.00	
Fitts, F. E. Mfg. & Supply Co. .	10.50	
Means, Charles J.	13.72	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	43.99	
South Braintree P. O.97	
Sundry persons, labor	222.76	
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		\$450.04

Credits.

Cutting, James M., telephone ...	\$3.19
Horte, R. F.	6.39
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	\$9.58

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Total appropriations	\$2,150.00	
“ Credits	31.29	
“ Licenses and fees	350.35	
“ Overdrafts	218.11	
	<hr/>	\$2,749.75
“ Payments	\$2,068.73	
“ Unexpended balances	330.67	
No expenditure of licenses and fees ..	350.35	
	<hr/>	\$2,749.75

Board of Health,

Salaries, appropriation		\$300.00
Paid Bailey, Joseph G.	\$100.00	
Guild, F. Herbert	100.00	
Skinner, Walter B.	100.00	
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Other expenses,

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Credit	31.29	
Overdraft	26.76	
	<hr/>	\$158.05
Paid Baldwin, J. Thomas	\$16.00	
Gage, R. Allen	10.65	
Lakin, Roger,	15.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	57.80	
Skinner, Walter B.	51.70	
Smith, Frank A.	6.90	
	<hr/>	\$158.05

Credits.

Refund	\$14.34
Refund	16.95
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	\$31.29
Licenses	\$22.00

Printing,

Appropriation	\$200.00
Paid Bailey, H. W. & Co.	\$11.00

Granite City Print	25.00
Pratt & Pratt	76.00
Prescott, Eben	2.75
Prescott, G. W., Pub. Co.	18.50

\$133.25

Unexpended balance	66.75
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\$200.00

Fumigation,

Appropriation		\$200.00
Paid Martin, Willis H.	\$61.50	
Smith, Frank A.	46.00	
Torrey, W. A. & Co.	63.00	

\$170.50

Unexpended balance	29.50
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\$200.00

Contagious Diseases,

Appropriation		\$500.00
Paid Rutland Sanatorium (Cottage) .	\$63.00	
Aid at City and Town Hospitals	82.86	
Hobbs & Warren	4.14	
Martin, Willis H.	68.50	

\$218.50

Unexpended balance	281.50
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\$500.00

Inspection of Animals,

Appropriation		\$100.00
Paid Sampson, Josephus		\$100.00

Inspection of Meat and Provisions,

Appropriation		\$300.00
Paid Martin, Willis H.	\$8.33	
Pierson, Edward O.	275.00	

\$283.33

Unexpended balance	16.67	
	<hr/>	\$300.00
Fees paid to Town	\$328.35	
Inspection of Milk,		
Appropriation		\$100.00
Paid Guild, F. Herbert		\$100.00
Inspection of Plumbing,		
Appropriation	\$300.00	
Overdraft	153.60	
	<hr/>	\$453.60
Paid Chandler, F. L.	\$69.00	
Ludden, J. E.	384.60	
	<hr/>	\$453.60
Care of Dumps,		
Appropriation		\$100.00
Paid Gibson, Robert	\$28.00	
Horte, Robert F.	65.00	
Skinner, Walter B.	4.00	
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	\$97.00	
Unexpended balance	3.00	
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Vital Statistics,		
Appropriation	\$50.00	
Overdraft	4.50	
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Paid Cartwright & Hurley	\$.75	
Cartwright & Shay	4.75	
Chase, A. L.50	
Clancy, Daniel H.	4.25	
Dame, F. R.	3.00	
Dearing, Henry L.	3.75	
Doucett, F. L. ....	.50	
Fay, Albert W.	8.25	
Fraser, J. C. ....	.50	
Gile, F. Herbert	3.25	

Granger, F. C.	3.00	
Holbrook, L. & Son25	
Merriam, F. H.	7.00	
Middleton, Willis J.	1.50	
Sullivan, C. A.	13.25	
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		\$54.50

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Total appropriations	\$29,766.50	
“ Credits	774.72	
“ Special taxes	6,216.77	
“ Overdrafts	639.91	
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		\$37,397.90
“ Payments	\$37,276.40	
“ Unexpended balances	121.50	
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		\$37,397.90

Surveyors of Highways,

Salaries, appropriation		\$487.50
Paid Holbrook, George H.	\$162.50	
Storm, Henry M.	162.50	
Woodsum, B. Herbert	162.50	
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		\$487.50

Clerical help and other expenses,

Appropriation		\$175.00
Paid Porter, B. E.	\$156.00	
Pratt & Pratt	7.00	
So. Braintree P. O.	9.70	
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	\$172.70	
Unexpended balance	2.30	
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		\$175.00

General Repairs,

Appropriation	\$15,000.00	
Credits	773.22	
Street Railway tax	2,412.30	
Street Railway excise tax ...	2,376.10	
Abutters tax	1,428.37	
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		\$21,989.99

Payments \$21,905.50

Unexpended balance 84.49

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Precincts	1	2	3	General
Paid Arnold, Henry F.			\$2.80	
Barrett Mfg. Co.	\$2,829.89	\$2,114.56	1,512.83	
Bates, L. F. Co.			38.10	
Belyea, Richard ....		.40		.75
Borden, H. W.	2.50			
Boston Bridge Works			24.00	
Braintree Hardware Co.		16.05		
Brown, L. A. Co.			4.50	
Central Garage		2.70		
Cobb, William H.	57.72		4.70	
Drollett, A. A.		30.40		
Dyer & Sullivan	5.75			
Electric Express ....			.30	
Electric Light Department .			2.50	
Elliott, T. N.		86.50		
Flint, James H.	2.80			
Hayward Bros.			30.48	
Johnson, Antoine	1.40			
James, Daniel ....				.38
Jordan, W. I.			56.25	
Kelley, John			50.00	
Lane, Quarry Co.			67.48	
Malvena, John H.	5.25			
McCusker, Henry			4.00	
Merrimac Chemical Co.		5.00		
Nelson, Frank W.	160.20			
N. E. Road Machinery Co. ...				35.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. .	220.89	234.36	296.52	.25
Old Colony Broken Stone & Concrete Co.	679.69	42.51	435.29	
Pinel Tool Co.	7.75			
Rhines Lumber Co.	94.25		84.62	
Rourke, Edward J.	80.87			
Shay, Edward	24.51			
Sheppard, J. F., & Sons, Inc.			17.21	
Skinner, Walter B.			3.00	
Spera, Martin	34.80			
Stackhouse, H. F.			13.00	
Stearns, The A. T. Lumber Co.			190.42	
Stevens, James T.	247.95			
Stewart, F. W. ....				.95

Sundry persons, labor, teams	4,229.77	3,195.06	4,099.61	
Tarbox, Harry S.				15.75
Thayer, Otis		6.60		
Torrey, Charles E.			120.00	
Waldo Bros.	10.56	5.76		
Walworth Mfg. Co.				1.01
Waterman & Leavitt		10.00	10.00	
White, Hartley L.	17.00	13.00	42.00	
Woodsum Coal Co.	47.55	78.04		
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	\$8,761.10	\$5,840.94	\$7,126.31	\$37.39
Total Payments			\$21,765.74	
State Highway tax (no order drawn)			139.76	
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			\$21,905.50	
Unexpended balance			84.49	
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				\$21,989.99

Credits.

Precincts	1	2	3	General
Bestick, C. R.				\$76.80
Hollingsworth, Ellis, labor and material	\$646.29			
Maxham, Mrs. Ada A.	1.00			
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., refund .....	.14			
School Dept., labor & material	30.49			
Tarbox, Harry S., labor and material			\$3.50	
Town Hall, labor and material	25.00			
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	\$692.92		\$3.50	\$76.80
Total credits			\$773.22	

Snow,

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Credit	1.50
Overdraft	639.91
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	\$1,641.41

Paid sundry persons, as per vouchers	Precincts 1	2	3
	\$759.81	\$526.55	\$323.05
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			\$1,641.41

Credit

Refund	\$1.50
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Street Lights,

Appropriation	\$6,264.00
Paid Electric Light Department	\$6,264.00

Victoria Avenue,

Appropriation		\$500.00
Paid N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	\$1.02	
St. Lawrence, George	16.60	
Waldo Bros.	26.40	
Sundry persons, labor and teams	315.00	
Woodsum Coal Co.	140.22	
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	\$499.24	
Unexpended balance76	
	<hr/>	\$500.00

Standish Avenue,

Appropriation		\$390.00
Paid sundry persons, labor and teams	\$378.10	
Unexpended balance	11.90	
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Oak Street,

Appropriation		\$250.00
Paid Rhines Lumber Co.	\$11.45	
Sundry persons, labor and teams	236.50	
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	\$247.95	
Unexpended balance	2.05	
	<hr/>	\$250.00

Robinson Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street,

Appropriation	\$400.00
Paid Malvena, John H.	\$400.00

Union Street, Sidewalk,

Appropriation		\$300.00
Paid sundry persons, labor and teams	\$280.00	
Unexpended balance	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$300.00

State Highway, Washington Street,	
Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Paid Rourke, Edward J., on order of	
Highway Commission	\$5,000.00

CHARITIES.

Total appropriations	\$8,872.50	
“ Credits	2,301.65	
“ Overdrafts	16.99	
	<hr/>	\$11,191.14
“ Payments	\$8,982.00	
“ Unexpended balances	2,209.14	
	<hr/>	\$11,191.14

Overseers of the Poor,

Salaries, appropriation		\$487.50
Paid Holbrook, George H.	\$162.50	
Storm, Henry M.	162.50	
Woodsum, B. Herbert	162.50	
	<hr/>	\$487.50

Clerical help and other expenses,

Appropriation	\$225.00	
Overdraft	16.99	
	<hr/>	\$241.99
Paid Hobbs & Warren	\$1.58	
Holbrook, George H.	10.00	
McArdle, H. B.	4.65	
Porter, B. E.	156.00	
Pratt & Pratt	13.50	
Prescott, G. W. Pub. Co.	7.25	
So. Braintree P. O.	24.25	
Storm, Henry M.	20.00	
Webster, F. S., Co.	4.76	
	<hr/>	\$241.99

Braintree Home.

Appropriations:	
Maintenance	\$1,600.00
Insurance	60.00

Repairs	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,860.00
Credits		962.06
	<hr/>	\$2,822.06

Paid for Expenses at Home,

Salary of Superintendent	\$458.34	
	41.66	
	<hr/>	\$500.00
Other regular employees		156.00
Rent of pasture		40.00
Food supplies		518.65
Fuel and light		344.55
Hay, grain and feed		282.59
Clothing		33.17
Ordinary repairs		55.04
Ordinary equipment		267.65
Medicine, medical attendance and nursing		52.81
Miscellaneous	\$351.49	
	133.25	
	<hr/>	484.74
Insurance		74.39
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		\$2,809.59
Unexpended balance		12.47
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		\$2,822.06

Credits.

Sale of produce	\$882.81
Payment from Election and Reg- istration account	48.00
Payment from Police account ..	21.25
Miscellaneous	10.00
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	\$962.06

Outside Relief,

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Credits	772.71
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	\$5,772.71

Paid at other City and Town Alms-		
houses	\$21.07	
Medical aid in City and Town		
Hospitals	64.28	
Medical aid in Private Hospitals	58.50	
On account of cases chargeable		
to this Town for support or		
relief in private families ..	372.00	
On account of other Cities and Towns		
for other support or relief:		
Cash allowance at disposal of		
recipients	\$1,099.50	
Rent	887.00	
Food	742.61	
Fuel	160.86	
Clothing	22.00	
Medical aid in the homes of		
the persons aided	71.45	
Miscellaneous	155.50	
	\$3,654.77	
Unexpended balance	2,117.94	
		\$5,772.71

Credits.

Reimbursements by individuals	\$15.00
by other Cities and Towns	723.46
by the State	34.25
	\$772.71

Support under Chapter 763, Acts of 1913,

Appropriation	\$1,300.00	
Credits	566.88	
		\$1,866.88
Paid cash allowance at disposal of re-		
cipients	\$1,330.22	
Rent	363.20	
Food	42.15	

Fuel	1.36	
Clothing	19.22	
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	\$1,788.15	
Unexpended balance	78.73	
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		\$1,866.88

Credits.

Reimbursement by other Cities and Towns	\$114.67	
by the State	452.21	
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	\$566.88	

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

Total appropriations	\$3,644.00	
“ Overdrafts	37.78	
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		\$3,681.78
“ Payments	\$3,421.78	
“ Unexpended balances	260.00	
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		\$3,681.78

State Aid and Soldiers' Burials (to be refunded by State), Appropriation	\$2,700.00
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Paid as per vouchers:	
Aid	\$2,340.00
Burials	100.00
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	\$2,440.00
Unexpended balance	260.00
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	\$2,700.00

Military Aid (one-half to be refunded by State), Appropriation	\$144.00	
Overdraft	24.00	
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		\$168.00
Paid as per vouchers		\$168.00

Soldiers' Relief, Appropriation	\$800.00	
Overdraft	13.78	
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		\$813.78

Paid cash aid	\$580.00	
Medical Aid and Nursing	198.03	
Fuel	10.75	
Miscellaneous	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$813.78

EDUCATION.

Total appropriations	\$58,000.20	
“ Credits from School Dept	961.05	
“ Credits from school fund	350.00	
“ Credits from dog tax	887.29	
“ Overdrafts	1,088.42	
	<hr/>	\$61,286.96
“ Payments	\$60,054.95	
“ Unexpended balances	1,232.01	
	<hr/>	\$61,286.96

Teachers and Superintendent,

Salaries, appropriation	\$41,000.00	
Credit from school fund	350.00	
Credit from dog tax	887.29	
Credit from School Dept.	1.38	
	<hr/>	\$42,238.67
Payments as per vouchers	41,127.29	
Unexpended balance	1,111.38	
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Credits.

From School Department	\$1.38	
From school fund	350.00	
From dog tax	887.29	
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Janitors,

Salaries, appropriation		\$4,950.00
Paid as per vouchers	\$4,890.00	
Unexpended balance	60.00	
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Text Books and Supplies,

Appropriation	\$2,759.25	
Credits	478.81	
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		\$3,238.06
Paid Allyn & Bacon	\$32.52	
American Book Co.	198.29	
American Seating Co.90	
Appleton, D. & Co.	37.90	
Atkinson, Mentzer & Co.	19.28	
Babb, E. E. & Co.	1,233.03	
Barnard, F. J. & Co.	35.43	
Birchard, C. C., & Co.	2.16	
Boylston Publishing Co.	31.50	
Brown, J. D.	23.00	
Brown, Lewis A., & Co.	159.60	
Ditson, Oliver, Co.	1.80	
Educational Associates	40.00	
Educational Publication Co. ...	36.19	
Frontier Press Co.	5.75	
Ginn & Company	266.18	
Globe Wernicke Co.	29.85	
Hammett, J. L., & Co.	331.29	
Hawyard Bros. & Wakefield Co.	189.00	
Heath, D. C., & Co.	35.77	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	9.35	
Howard Chemical Mfg. Co.	12.00	
Knott, L. E., Apparatus Co.	45.75	
Leslie Ink Co.	2.50	
Little, Brown Co.	21.35	
Macmillan Co.	49.79	
Milton Bradley Co.	160.30	
Palmer, The A. N. Co.	16.84	
Phonographic Institute Co.	2.39	
Presbrey Syndicate Inc.	1.00	
Reed, Edward F.	9.50	
Remington Typewriter Co.	6.95	
Review of Reviews Co.	10.00	
Row, Peterson & Co.	15.79	

Rumford Supply Co.	14.20	
Schmidt, Arthur P.	4.90	
School Board Journal	1.50	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	27.22	
Strout, C. D.	4.70	
Taylor, Georgianna E.	2.90	
Teachers' Exchange of Boston .	7.58	
Underhay Oil Co.	9.90	
Underwood Typewriter Co.50	
West Disinfecting Co.	67.00	
Health Education League	1.00	
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	\$3,214.35	
Unexpended balance	23.71	
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		\$3,237.06

Credits.

From State	\$324.84
From School Department	153.00
From D. C. Heath & Co., refund	.97
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	\$478.81

School Incidentals,

Appropriation	\$800.00
Credits	12.83
Overdraft	33.11
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	\$845.94

Paid Adams Express Co	\$3.61
Bailey, H. W. & Co. ...	7.25
Cain, Thomas J.	2.00
Electric Express Co. ..	18.79
Fogg, George E.	13.52
Haseltine, D. C. ....	.60
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. ...	204.66
Patch, F. K.	15.75
Pratt & Pratt	50.25
Prescott, Eben	5.75
Prescott, G. W. Pub. Co.	49.25

S. Braintree Garage ..	.50	
Wiggin, R. L.	15.00	
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		\$386.93
Ackroyd, Violet	\$16.28	
Austin, A. B.40	
Boston Bank Note Co. .	14.00	
Cuff, William C.	17.50	
Frazier, John H.	2.00	
Macey-Stetson-Morris Co.	1.21	
Palmer, The A. N., Co. .	1.54	
Roys-Randall Co.	2.08	
Smith, Frank A.	7.57	
Thompson, A. T. & Co.	7.00	
Whitman, R. E.	11.27	
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		\$80.85
Archibald, George R. .	\$5.25	
Belyea, Richard	2.00	
Bestick, Clarence R....	28.00	
Blodgett Clock Co.	6.45	
Borden, H. W.	5.46	
Cass, Arthur W.	1.68	
Davis, Park L.	1.50	
Fitts, F. E., Mfg. & Sup- ply Co.	6.75	
French, A. R.	2.50	
Gage, R. Allen	27.13	
Gibson, Robert	17.80	
Gould, Thomas H.	14.40	
Haskell, M. A., & Co. ..	7.65	
Heath, W. H.	24.50	
Hobart, C. H.	11.60	
Holbrook, George H. ..	6.64	
Holyoke, E. C.	1.25	
Johns, H. W. Manville Co.	7.00	
Loring, G. E. & Co. ...	1.65	
Matthews, C. W.	1.15	
Moody, C. L.	2.00	

Ness, Peter	38.85
Old Colony Gas Co.	1.00
Page, W. R. & Co.	2.00
Parker, George F.	3.00
Phinney, F. C.	2.15
Qualey, Lucius A.	83.72
Samson Electric Co. ..	11.85
Skinner, W. B.	1.80
Stewart, F. W.	4.43
Stone, R. N.	24.00
Sypher, James O.	20.00
Torrey, W. A., & Co. .	1.50
Tupper, F. F.	1.50
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	\$378.16

\$845.94

Credits.

Johns, H. W., Manville Co., re- fund	\$1.40
School Department	11.43
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	\$12.83

Buildings and Grounds,

Appropriations	\$1,000.00
Credits	43.86
Overdraft	573.26

\$1,617.12

Paid Allen, William Sons Co.	\$16.00
Archibald, George R.	55.00
Borden, H. W.	422.08
Chandler & Finnegan	57.00
Chandler, F. L.	276.89
Electric Light Department	144.00
Gallivan, John	15.00
Highways, Prec. 1	20.49
Holbrook, George H.	97.38
Jordan, W. I.	4.25
Litchfield, B. D.	32.35

Moody, C. L.	47.05	
Skinner, Walter B.	44.41	
Standard Oil Co. of New York .	13.91	
Underhay Oil Co.	24.43	
Water Department	314.68	
Whitmarsh, Frank O.	32.20	
	<hr/>	\$1,617.12
Credits.		
From school department	\$43.86	
Transportation of Pupils,		
Appropriations	\$1,700.00	
Credits	424.17	
Overdraft	335.83	
	<hr/>	\$2,460.00
Paid Bay State St. Railway Co.	\$1,100.00	
Bestick, Clarence R.	120.00	
Cain, Thomas J.	400.00	
Drollett, Albert A.	840.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,460.00
Fuel		
Appropriation		\$2,700.00
Paid Gibson, Robert	\$5.00	
Sheppard, J. F., & Sons Inc. ...	2,562.73	
Woodsum Coal Co.	121.00	
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	\$2,688.73	
Unexpended balance	11.27	
	<hr/>	\$2,700.00
Repairs Hollis School		
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Paid Chandler, F. L.	\$637.84	
Ellms, H. E., & Co.	78.00	
Holbrook, George H.	480.41	
Monaghan, Paul	450.00	
Ness, Peter	335.00	
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	\$1,981.25	
Unexpended balance	18.75	
	<hr/>	\$2,000.00

Grading at Abraham Lincoln School,

Appropriation		\$300.00
Paid Gibson, Robert	\$293.10	
Unexpended balance	6.90	
	<hr/>	\$300.00

Penniman School Hall,

Appropriation		\$300.00
Paid Holbrook, George H.		\$300.00

Insurance,

Appropriation	\$353.70	
Overdraft	146.22	
	<hr/>	\$499.92
Paid Hobart, C. H., & Son	124.32	
Sampson, George E.	154.80	
Vinton, Henry B.	68.00	
Cummings, Charles B.	152.80	
	<hr/>	\$499.92

Insurance of Boilers,

Appropriation		\$137.25
Paid Sampson, George E.		\$137.25

LIBRARY.

Total appropriations		\$2,900.00
“ Payments	\$1,800.00	
Unexpended balances	1,100.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,900.00

General Expenses,

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Paid Harding, William C., Treasurer	\$1,400.00	
Unexpended balance	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,500.00

Distribution of Books,

Appropriation		\$150.00
Paid Harding, William C., Treasurer		\$150.00

Janitor,

Appropriation	\$250.00
Paid Sullivan, Michael J.	\$250.00

Library, Precinct 3,

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Unexpended balance	\$1,000.00

RECREATION.

Total appropriations	\$352.23
" Orders drawn	\$352.23

Town Lands,

Appropriation	\$150.00
Paid Kemp, J. Frederick, Treasurer .	\$150.00

Hollis Playground,

Appropriation	\$202.23
Paid Kemp, J. Frederick, Treasurer .	\$202.23

UNCLASSIFIED.**Miscellaneous,**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Credits	428.65
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	\$2,428.65
Paid Adams Express Co., office expenses ..	\$.24
Carter Ink Co., office expenses	1.25
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	\$1.49
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., office	
expenses	\$5.94
Cutler-Dickie Co., office expenses	7.96
So. Braintree P. O., office expenses	17.46
Webster, F. S., Co.	4.71
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	\$36.07
Security Safe Deposit Vault, Treasurer's	
expenses	20.00
Bureau of Statistics, certification of	
notes	22.00
Woodsum, B. H., Accountant	750.00
Cutting, James M., delivering Town Rpts	\$12.50
Maher, John J., delivering Town Rpts. .	10.00

Prescott, G. W., Pub. Co., printing Town Reports	466.50	
		\$489.00
Prescott, G. W., Pub. Co., report Appropriation Committee		55.00
Burdakin, John H., recdg. street plans ..	\$29.25	
Fletcher, Calvin G., bounds for streets ..	59.25	
White, Hartley L., surveying and plans	372.61	
		\$461.11
Rhines Lumber Co., fountain, Prec. 3 ..	\$1.40	
Skinner, Walter B.	21.53	
		\$22.93
Sundry persons, searching for lost people		68.40
		\$1,926.00
Unexpended balance	\$428.65	
	74.00	
		\$502.65
		\$2,428.65

Credits.

Refund of tax title	\$256.65
Licenses:	
Billiard, pool and bowling alleys	30.00
Druggist	2.00
Junk	80.00
Under Chap. 423, Acts of 1909 .	60.00
	\$428.65

Memorial Day,

Appropriation	\$200.00
Paid Monk, Henry A., Quarter Master, Post 87, G. A. R.	\$200.00

Insurance against injury to certain employees,

Appropriation	\$350.00
Paid Sampson, George E.	\$349.10
Unexpended balance90
	\$350.00

Overlay Accounts,

Assessment of 1913, bal. Jan. 1, 1915 .	\$1,553.68
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Paid abatement of 1913 taxes	\$223.33	
Balance Dec. 31st to Reserve Fund under Chap. 823, Acts of 1913 .	1,330.35	
	<hr/>	\$1,553.68
Assessment of 1914, bal. Jan. 1, 1915 ..		\$3,173.99
Paid abatement of 1914 taxes	\$905.12	
Balance Dec. 31, 1915	2,268.87	
	<hr/>	\$3,173.99
Assessment of 1915, overlay		\$4,184.51
Paid abatements of 1915 taxes	\$1,880.58	
Balance Dec. 31, 1915	2,303.93	
	<hr/>	\$4,184.51

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

Lighting Board, Appropriation.

Salaries	\$300.00	
Depreciation fund	4,670.62	
Street light extensions	503.38	
Operating expenses	401.68	
	<hr/>	\$5,875.68
No orders drawn		\$5,875.68

Water Department.

Extension of Water Main, Liberty Street,

Appropriation	\$4,000.00
Paid Water Department	\$4,000.00

CEMETERY.

Plain Street,

Appropriation	\$150.00	
Credits	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$180.00
Paid Cutting, James M.	172.00	
Horte, A. H.	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$173.50
Unexpended balance	6.50	
	<hr/>	\$180.00

Credits.

Lots sold	\$30.00	
Interest,		
Appropriations on Funded Debt:		
General	\$800.00	
Playground	130.00	
Schools	2,425.00	
Town Hall	1,700.00	
Electric Light	660.00	
Water	10,860.00	
		\$16,575.00
On loans in anticipation of revenue		2,400.00
		\$18,975.00
Paid by Treasurer, no orders drawn ..	\$18,480.73	
Unexpended balance	494.27	
		\$18,975.00

Municipal Indebtedness.

Appropriations:		
General, Stetson note, paid in 1914	\$2,250.00	
General	2,250.00	
Playgrounds	500.00	
Schools	5,500.00	
Town Hall	3,000.00	
Water	1,000.00	
		\$14,750.00
Paid by Treasurer, no orders drawn .	\$12,250.00	
Unexpended balance	2,500.00	
		\$14,750.00

Sinking Funds.

Appropriation	\$5,550.00	
No order drawn, Electric Light loan .	\$430.00	
Paid Oakman, Otis B., Treas. pro tem	5,120.00	
		\$5,550.00

RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn for		
Moderator, salary		\$25.00
Selectmen, salaries	\$487.50	
Clerical help and other expenses	\$441.02	
	<hr/>	\$928.52
Auditors, salaries		\$150.00
Treasurer, salary	\$634.38	
Other expenses	44.12	
Bond	240.00	
	<hr/>	\$918.50
Tax Collector, salary	\$600.00	
Other expenses	207.32	
Bond	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$907.32
Assessors, salaries	\$487.50	
Clerical help and other expenses	783.12	
	<hr/>	\$1,270.62
Town Clerk, salary	\$650.00	
Other expenses	230.91	
	<hr/>	\$880.91
Law		\$106.00
Election and Registration:		
Registrars, salaries	\$150.00	
Other expenses	761.09	
	<hr/>	\$911.09
Town Hall:		
Janitor	\$550.00	
Maintenance	1,284.77	
Insurance	20.00	
Insurance boilers	30.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,885.27
Police Department:		
Police, salaries	\$3,728.75	
Extra Patrolmen	333.00	
Other expenses	832.26	
	<hr/>	\$4,894.01

Fire Department:

Pay of Engineers and Firemen .	\$2,574.00	
Extra pay of Firemen	394.05	
General expenses	1,372.53	
Hydrant service	6,450.00	
New hose	539.00	
Platform House No. 2	70.00	
Painting Hose Wagon, No. 3	50.00	
Fire alarm	300.48	
	<hr/>	\$11,750.06

Weights and Measures:

Salary, Sealer	\$200.00	
Other expenses	104.98	
	<hr/>	\$304.98

Forestry:

Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth sup- pression	\$5,368.40	
Care of trees	476.68	
Forest fires	450.04	
	<hr/>	\$6,295.12

Health and Sanitation:

Board of Health, salaries	\$300.00	
Other expenses	158.05	
Printing	133.25	
Fumigation	170.50	
Contagious Diseases	218.50	
Inspection of Animals	100.00	
Inspection of Meat and Provi- sions	283.33	
Inspection of Milk	100.00	
Inspection of Plumbing	453.60	
Care of Dumps	97.00	
Vital Statistics	54.50	
	<hr/>	\$2,068.73

Highways and Bridges:

Highway Surveyors, salaries ...	\$487.50	
Clerical help and other expenses	172.70	
General repairs	21,765.74	

Snow	1,641.41	
Street lights	6,264.00	
Victoria Avenue	499.24	
Standish Avenue	378.10	
Oak Street	247.95	
Robinson Avenue and Mt. Ver-		
non Street	400.00	
Union Street sidewalk	280.00	
State Highway, Washington St. .	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$37,136.64

Charities:

Overseers of Poor, salaries	\$487.50	
Clerical help and other expenses	241.99	
Braintree Home	2,809.59	
Outside relief	3,654.77	
Chapter 763, Acts of 1913	1,788.15	
	<hr/>	\$8,982.00

Soldiers' Benefits:

State Aid and Soldiers' burials	\$2,440.00	
Military Aid	168.00	
Soldiers' relief	813.78	
	<hr/>	\$3,421.78

Education:

Teachers' and Superintendents'		
salaries	\$41,127.29	
Janitors, salaries	4,890.00	
Text books and supplies	3,214.35	
School incidentals	845.94	
Buildings and grounds	1,617.12	
Transportation of pupils	2,460.00	
Fuel	2,688.73	
Repairs Hollis School building .	1,981.25	
Grading at Abraham Lincoln		
School	293.10	
Penniman School Hall	300.00	
Insurance	499.92	
Insurance, boilers	137.25	
	<hr/>	\$60,054.95

Library :

General expenses	\$1,400.00	
Distribution of books	150.00	
Janitor	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,800.00

Recreation :

Town lands	\$150.00	
Hollis Playground	202.23	
	<hr/>	\$352.23

Unclassified :

Miscellaneous	\$1,926.00	
Memorial Day	200.00	
Abatement of taxes	3,009.03	
Reserve fund	1,330.35	
Insurance against injury to employees	349.10	
	<hr/>	\$6,814.48

Water Department :

Extension of Mains, Liberty Street	\$4,000.00
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Cemetery :

Plain Street	\$173.50
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Sinking funds :

Water loans	\$5,120.00
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Total amount of orders drawn	<hr/>	\$161,151.71
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COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT OF TAXES

F. A. SMITH—In Account with the Town of Braintree, Dec. 31, 1915.

Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1914, and Commitment of 1915.	Interest Collected.	Total Amount.	Cash Paid Town Treasurer.	Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1915.
Tax of 1913, bal. due	\$155.80	\$2,098.84	\$2,098.84	\$3,789.47
Tax of 1914, bal. due	1,436.94	54,460.27	50,670.80	48,519.32
1915, Commitment	174.79	186,354.18	137,834.86	
Excise Tax, Bay State St. Railway Co.		2,376.10	2,376.10	
	\$1,767.53	\$245,289.39	\$192,980.60	\$52,308.79

The above statement has been compiled from the Assessors' Commitment of Taxes for the years 1913-1914-1915, and from comparison of the books of the Collector with those of the Treasurer.
The year 1913 is now closed.

Braintree, Mass., January 22, 1915.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer, and
Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer Pro Tem.

In Account with the Town of Braintree.

Benjamin F. Dyer, Treasurer, January 1, 1915, to October 14, 1915.

Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer Pro Tem., October 15, 1915, to December 31, 1915.

Dr.

Balance January 1, 1915	\$23,701.23	\$23,701.23
F. A. Smith, Tax Collector:		
Year 1913	\$1,943.04	
Year 1913 interest	155.80	
Year 1914	49,233.86	
Year 1914 interest	1,436.94	
Year 1915	140,036.17	
Year 1915 interest	174.79	
	\$192,980.60	

(Of the amount of 1915 tax, \$2,376.10 is Excise Tax.)

Loans in Anticipation of Taxes:

Maturing Nov. 16, 1915	\$20,000.00	
Maturing Nov. 23, 1915	20,000.00	
Maturing Nov. 30, 1915	20,000.00	
Maturing April 4, 1916	5,000.00	
Maturing April 15, 1916	10,000.00	
Maturing May 2, 1916	10,000.00	
	\$85,000.00	

Average rate of interest, 3.37 $\frac{1}{4}$ %.

Interest on Deposits:

National Shawmut Bank	\$794.69	
State Street Trust Co.	17.94	
	\$812.63	

Treasurer of Commonwealth:

Balance Corporation tax, 1914 .	\$465.47
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Balance Bank tax, 1914	10.84	
Corporation tax, 1915, public service	2,626.03	
Corporation tax, 1915, business .	2,960.12	
National bank tax	1,097.61	
Military aid	72.00	
State aid	2,320.00	
Burial of indigent soldiers	100.00	
Street Railway tax	2,412.30	
Corporation tax additional	378.66	
	<hr/>	\$12,443.03

*Selectmen's account: \$9,777.54 9,777.54

\$324,715.03

Cr.

\$161,151.71 \$161,151.71

Selectmen's Orders, General Account.

Tax Notes of 1914:

April 2, 1915	\$5,000.00	
April 20, 1915	10,000.00	
May 6, 1915	10,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$25,000.00

Notes:

Nathaniel H. Hunt Trust	1,000.00	
Trustees Thayer Public Library	750.00	
Mayflower Park Water	1,000.00	
Trustees Thayer Public Library	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,250.00

Bonds:

Abraham Lincoln School	2,000.00	
Town Hall	3,000.00	
Hollis School	3,500.00	
Playground, Precinct 2	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,000.00

Tax Notes of 1915:

Maturing Nov. 16, 1915	20,000.00
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* The details of the Selectmen's Account may be found as credits in the Auditors' Account of Receipts and Payments plus \$75 appropriated under Weights and Measures.

Maturing Nov. 23, 1915	20,000.00	
Maturing Nov. 30, 1915	20,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$60,000.00
County Tax, 1914	6,238.61	6,238.61
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1915:		
State tax	\$17,452.50	
Charles River Basin Loan Fund,		
interest on	276.83	
Charles River Basin, cost of		
maintenance	316.14	
Charles River Basin Serial Bonds	22.32	
Metropolitan Parks Loan, Sink-		
ing Fund	103.79	
Metropolitan Parks Loan, In-		
terest	587.89	
Metropolitan Parks, Cost of		
maintenance	862.09	
Metropolitan Parks Serial Bonds	15.31	
Metropolitan Parks Loan Sink-		
ing Fund, Series 2	29.97	
Metropolitan Parks Loan, In-		
terest	202.15	
Metropolitan Parks, cost of		
maintenance	251.83	
Metropolitan Parks, Serial Bonds	10.31	
Nantasket, Maintenance	105.91	
Wellington Bridge Maintenance	7.05	
Repairs State highways	139.76	
	<hr/>	\$20,383.85
Reserve for protested taxes		1,701.55
Exchange Shawmut Bank		1.23
Druggist Licenses from State ..		.50
Interest:		
Thayer Public Library Trustees,		
\$7500, 6 mos. to Jan. 1, 1915 .	\$150.00	
Thayer Public Library Trustees,		
\$7,500, 6 mos. to July 1, 1915	150.00	

Nathaniel H. Hunt Trust, \$10,- 000, 6 mos. to Jan. 1, 1915 ..	200.00	
Nathaniel H. Hunt Trust, \$10,- 000, 6 mos. to July 1, 1915 ..	200.00	
Thayer Public Library Trustees, \$2,500, 6 mos. to April 1, 1915	50.00	
Thayer Public Library Trustees, \$2,500, 6 mos. to Oct. 1, 1915	50.00	
Playground Prec. 2, \$3,500, 6 mos. to July 1, 1915	70.00	
Playground Precinct 2, \$3,000, 6 mos. to Jan. 1, 1916	60.00	
Hollis School, \$54,500, 6 mos. to July 1, 1915	1,090.00	
Hollis School, \$51,000, 6 mos. to Jan. 1, 1916	1,020.00	
Town Hall, \$44,000, 6 mos. to June 1, 1915	880.00	
Town Hall, \$41,000, 6 mos. to Dec. 1, 1915	820.00	
Lincoln School, \$10,000, 6 mos. to June 1, 1915	175.00	
Lincoln School, \$8,000, 6 mos. to Dec. 1, 1915	140.00	
Discount tax notes, at 3.37%	{ 453.07 466.18 479.29	
at 3.37½%	{ 93.75 199.69 213.75	
	<hr/>	\$6,960.73
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		\$293,688.18
Balance National Shawmut Bank		31,026.85
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		\$324,715.03

Braintree, January 18.

We have examined the above account and find it correct and disbursements properly vouched. Balance on hand in National Shawmut Bank, \$31,026.85.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

**Reserve Fund from Overlays,
Act of 1913.**

In National Shawmut Bank \$1,330.35

No orders drawn

Balance \$1,330.35

Examined and compared with Bank Book.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

Protested Taxes Account.

In State Street Trust Co., Jan. 1, 1915 \$1,605.69

Deposited April 20 95.86

Interest on deposit 29.58

————— \$1,731.13

Examined and compared with Bank Statement.

Balance in State Street Trust Co., Jan.

1, 1916 \$1,731.13

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

SINKING FUNDS ACCOUNTS.

**WATER LOAN OF 1888, \$100,000, 4 PER CENT., DUE
JAN. 1, 1918.**

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Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$93,463.80
Town appropriation, 1915	\$2,000.00
Income, 1915	3,802.96
	————— 5,802.96
	————— \$99,266.76

INVESTMENTS.

Two Bonds Boston R. B. & Lynn R. R. 4½%, each \$1000	\$2,000.000
One Bond Rumford Falls & Rangeley R. R. 5%	1,000.00
Ten Bonds Braintree Lighting Loan 4%, each \$1000	10,000.00
One Bond Braintree Lighting Loan 4%	500.00
Four Bonds Fitchburg R. R. 1920 4%, each \$1000	4,000.00
Three Bonds Ill. Central R. R. 3½%, each \$1000, cost	2,945.00
Seven Bonds, C. B. & Q. R. R. 3½%, each \$1000, cost	6,600.00
Two Bonds West End St. R. R. 4% each \$1000	2,000.00
Three Bonds N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. 4%, each \$1000, cost	2,615.11
Two Bonds B. & M. R. R. 4%, each \$1000, cost	1,960.00
Two Bonds Am. Tel. & Tel. 4%, each \$1000, cost	1,777.50
One Bond Fitchburg R. R. 1925, 4% .	1,000.00
Two Notes Town of Braintree due July 15, 1916, 1917, each \$1000, 4%	2,000.00
Forty Bonds Town of Braintree Water Loan 1918 4%, each \$1000 ..	40,000.00
Five Bonds Town of Braintree Water Loan 1921 4%, each \$1000	5,000.00
Note Town of Braintree, due Oct. 4, 1916	2,500.00
Abington Savings Bank	364.48
Braintree Savings Bank	5,094.52
Randolph Savings Bank	235.73
Hingham Savings Bank	1,187.40
Quincy Savings Bank	230.75
Rockland Savings Bank	68.87

Weymouth Savings Bank	291.48	
East Weymouth Savings Bank	236.89	
South Weymouth Savings Bank	83.43	
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	5,575.60	
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	\$99,266.76	\$99,266.76

**WATER LOAN OF 1891, \$150,000, AT 4 PER CENT., DUE
JUNE 1, 1921.**

Balance Dec. 31, 1914		\$108,799.10
Town appropriation 1915	\$3,000.00	
Income 1915	4,420.16	
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		\$7,420.16
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		\$116,219.26

INVESTMENTS.

Six Bonds Braintree Lighting Loan	
4%, each \$1000	\$6,000.00
Three Bonds Revere Beach & Lynn R.	
R. 4½%, each \$1000	3,000.00
Three Bonds Ill. Central R. R. 3½%,	
each \$1000, cost	2,940.10
Ten Bonds C. B. & Q. R. R. 3½%, each	
\$1000, cost	9,330.68
Three Bonds C. B. & Q. R. R. 4%, each	
\$1000	3,000.00
One Bond N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	
3½%, \$1000, cost	970.29
Seven Bonds N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	
4%, each \$1000, cost	6,130.11
One Bond Fitchburg R. R., 4%	1,000.00
Three Bonds B. & M. R. R. 4%, each	
\$1000, cost	2,940.00
Fifty-five Bonds Town of Braintree	
Water Loan 1921 4%, each \$1000 ..	55,000.00
Fourteen Bonds Town of Braintree	
Water Loan 1918 4%, each \$1000 ..	14,000.00

Two Notes Town of Braintree due July 15, 1918, 1919, 4%, each \$1000	2,000.00	
One Note Town of Braintree, due Oct. 4, 1917	2,500.00	
Abington Savings Bank	203.53	
Quincy Savings Bank	229.64	
Braintree Savings Bank	4,512.97	
Rockland Savings Bank	24.09	
Hingham Savings Bank	38.87	
Randolph Savings Bank	886.42	
Weymouth Savings Bank	1,308.32	
South Weymouth Savings Bank	91.32	
East Weymouth Savings Bank	112.92	
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		\$116,219.26\$116,219.26

**WATER LOAN OF 1896, 4 PER CENT. \$6,000, DUE
AUG. 1, 1926.**

Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$3,110.42	
Town appropriation 1915	120.00	
Income 1915	129.43	
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		\$3,359.85

INVESTMENTS.

One Bond Braintree Water Loan 4%, 1921	\$1,000.00	
South Weymouth Savings Bank	958.37	
Randolph Savings Bank	1,340.28	
Braintree Savings Bank	61.20	
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		\$3,359.85 \$3,359.85

**MUNICIPAL LIGHTING LOAN OF 1893, 4 PER CENT.
DUE APRIL 5, 1917, \$16,500.**

Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$13,816.80
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Town appropriation 1915, paid by	
Light Board	430.00
Income 1916	575.11
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	\$14,821.91

INVESTMENTS.

Three Bonds Braintree Water Loan	
4%, 1921, each \$1000	\$3,000.00
One Bond N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	
\$1000 4%, cost	935.00
Randolph Savings Bank	2,392.12
Braintree Savings Bank	2,420.92
Weymouth Savings Bank	2,348.91
Quincy Savings Bank	2,033.38
East Weymouth Savings Bank	1,691.58
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	\$14,821.91 \$14,821.91

January 20, 1916.

The Securities of the Sinking Funds of 1888, 1891, 1893 and 1896 have been examined at the Security Vaults, Boston, and found as stated.

The sums named as on deposit in the various Savings Banks have been compared with the pass books and are correct.

Signed,

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

THE NATHANIEL H. HUNT TRUST.

Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer.

Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Principal:

One Bond, Boston Elevated R. R. 4%	\$1,000.00
Three Bonds, B. & M. R. R. each \$1000, 4%	3,000.00
One Bond, New England R. R. 4%	1,000.00
Two Bonds, C. B. & Q. R. R., each \$1,000, 4% ..	2,000.00

Four Bonds, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., each \$1000, 4%	4,000.00
Nine Notes, Town of Braintree, each \$1000, 4%, payable July 1, 1916 to 1924, inclusive	9,000.00
Braintree Savings Bank, Book 5253	185.00
Braintree Savings Bank, Book 1006	1,529.79
Braintree Savings Bank, Book 4995	811.26
Quincy Savings Bank, Book 32035	750.94
Weymouth Savings Bank, Book 13504	1,000.00
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	\$24,276.99

Braintree, January, 1916.

The above named securities are found in the Security Vaults, Boston, and the sums named in Savings Banks as stated.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

Income Account:

Town of Braintree, \$10,000, 6 mos. int. to Jan. 1, 1915	\$200.00
B. & M. R. R., \$3000, 1 yr. int. to Sept. 1, 1915 ..	120.00
New Eng. R. R., \$1000, 1 yr. int. to Jan. 1, 1916 ..	40.00
C. B. & Q. R. R. \$2,000, 1 yr. int. to Jan. 1, 1916 .	80.00
Boston Elevated R. R., \$1000, 1 yr. int. to Nov. 1, 1915	40.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., \$2000, 1 yr. int. to Nov. 1, 1915	80.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., \$2000, 1 yr. int. to Jan. 1, 1916	80.00
Braintree Savings Bank, Book 5253, 1 yr. int. to Jan. 1, 1916	7.40
Braintree Savings Bank, Book 1006, 1 yr. int. to Jan. 1, 1916	61.16
Braintree Savings Bank, Book 4995, 1 yr. int. to Jan. 1, 1916	32.44
Quincy Savings Bank, 1 yr. int. to Oct. 1, 1915 ..	30.00

Town of Braintree, \$10,000, 6 mos. int. to July 1, 1915	200.00
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\$971.00

Paid W. C. Harding, Treasurer Trustees Thayer Library	\$971.00
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Braintree, January 20, 1916.

Above found correct and properly vouched.

(Signed)

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

CHARLES EDWARD FRENCH TRUST.

Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer.

Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Principal:

Two Town of Braintree Water Bonds of 1891, \$1,000 each	\$2,000.00
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Income Account:

Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$40.00
June 1, 1915, Coupons	40.00
Dec. 1, 1915, Coupons	40.00

\$120.00

Paid W. C. Dorety, 15 silver medals ..	\$80.00
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1915, in Braintree Savings Bank	40.00
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\$120.00 \$120.00

Braintree, January, 1916.

The above Bonds are in the Security Vaults, Boston,
and the balance of income in the Braintree Savings Bank.

(Signed)

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

THE ANN MARIA PENNIMAN TRUST.

Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer.

Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Fund on deposit in Braintree Savings Bank,

Book 6059 \$500.00

Braintree, January 20, 1916.

Vouched by pass book.

(Signed)

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,

FRANK W. COUILLARD,

Auditors for 1915.

Income, Braintree Savings Bank:

Balance to Jan. 1, 1915 \$20.20

-Interest to Jan. 1, 1916 20.20

Paid Lydia A. Tupper and Chester A.

Maddocks, Committee \$20.20

Balance in Braintree Savings Bank .. 20.20

\$40.40 \$40.40

Braintree, January, 1916.

Properly vouched.

(Signed)

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,

FRANK W. COUILLARD,

Auditors for 1915.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD.

Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer.

Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer Pro Tem.

In Account with Town of Braintree.

Jan. 1, 1915, to Dec. 31, 1915, inclusive.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance Jan. 1, 1915	\$401.68	
Revenue from F. B. Lawrence, Mgr. ..	28,950.71	
Street lights, 696 at \$9.00	6,264.00	
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	\$35,616.39	

Paid by orders	\$29,673.27
Depreciation Fund	4,670.62
Sinking fund	430.00
12 mos. Interest on Bonds, \$16,500 ..	660.00
Exchange20
Balance	182.30
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	\$35,616.39 \$35,616.39

Braintree, January 20, 1916.

We find the account for the year 1915 correct and properly vouched, and the balance, \$182.30, on deposit with the State Street Trust Co.

(Signed)

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

ELECTRIC DEPRECIATION FUND.

Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer.

Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Balance Jan. 1, 1915	\$20,983.27
Paid in by Municipal Light Board ...	4,670.62
Interest National Shawmut Bank	528.61
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	\$26,182.50

No orders have been drawn this year.

Balance	\$26,182.50
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	\$26,182.50 \$26,182.50

Braintree, January 20, 1916.

We find the above correct and the balance, \$26,182.50, on deposit in the National Shawmut Bank.

(Signed)

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

**FUNDED DEBT OF THE TOWN.
WATER DEPARTMENT.**

Coupon Bonds issued Jan. 1, 1888, payable Jan. 1, 1918, 4%, 72 bonds, \$1000 each	\$72,000.00
Registered in name of Commonwealth Jan. 17, 1910, exchanged for Coupon bonds payable Jan. 1, 1918, at 4%, one bond	28,000.00
Coupon Bonds issued June 1, 1891, payable June 1, 1921, 4%, 129 bonds, \$1000 each	129,000.00
Registered in name of Commonwealth, Jan. 17, 1910, exchanged for Coupon Bonds, payable June 1, 1921, 4%, One bond	20,000.00
One bond	1,000.00
Notes issued Aug. 1, 1896, payable Aug. 1, 1926, 4%	6,000.00
Notes issued July 15, 1909, payable \$1000 yearly, 1916 to 1919, 4%	4,000.00
Coupon Bonds dated Oct. 1, 1911, pay- able yearly \$1500, 1916 to 1921, 4%	9,000.00
Notes dated Oct. 4, 1915, payable \$2500 yearly, 1916, 1917	5,000.00
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	\$274,000.00
Less Sinking Funds:	
1888	\$99,266.76
1891	116,219.26
1896	3,359.85
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	\$218,845.87
Net balance Water Debt	55,154.13
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	\$274,000.00
	\$274,000.00

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING DEPARTMENT.

Bonds issued April 5, 1893, 4%, payable April 5, 1917		\$16,500.00
Less Sinking Fund	\$14,821.91	
Net balance	1,678.09	
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	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00

GENERAL DEBT.

Refunding as required by statute:

Note dated March 7, 1874, issued to Estate of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, now held by Nathaniel H. Hunt Trust

Nine notes dated July 1, 1914, \$1000, each, payable yearly July 1, 1916 to 1924, 4%	\$9,000.00
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Refunding as required by statute:

Note dated March 7, 1874, issued to Estate of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer now held by Trustees of Thayer Library

Nine notes dated July 1, 1914, \$750 each, payable yearly July 1, 1916, to 1924, 4%	\$6,750.00
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Four notes dated Oct. 1, 1914, \$500 each, 4%, payable yearly Oct. 1, 1916 to 1919	2,000.00
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\$8,750.00

Coupon notes issued on account of Abraham Lincoln School at 3½%,

Four notes payable yearly June 1, 1916 to 1919, \$2,000 each	8,000.00
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Bonds issued for Hollis School, each \$500, 4%, maturing \$3500 yearly, July 1, 1916, to 1921, and maturing \$3000 yearly, July 1, 1922 to 1931, inclusive	51,000.00
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Bonds issued for Playground, maturing \$500 yearly, July 1, 1916 to 1921, inclusive, 4%	\$3,000.00
Bonds issued for Town Hall, \$1000 each, 4%, maturing \$3000 yearly, June 1, 1916 to 1922, inclusive, maturing \$2000 yearly, June 1, 1923 to 1932, inclusive	41,000.00
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	\$411,250.00
Notes issued in anticipation of taxes 1915:	
Maturing April 4, 1916	\$5,000.00
Maturing April 15, 1916	10,000.00
Maturing May 2, 1916	10,000.00
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	\$25,000.00
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	\$436,250.00

SINKING FUNDS.

Loan of 1888	\$99,266.76
Loan of 1891	116,219.26
Loan of 1893	14,821.91
Loan of 1896	3,359.85
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	\$233,667.78
Net balance Funded Debt	202,582.22
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	\$436,250.00
	\$436,250.00

December 31, 1915.

Allowing for payments and accretions to the Sinking Funds, the Funded Debt has decreased during 1915 \$28,922.72. In view of the value of the Sinking Fund Loan of 1888 it would seem wise to allow that fund to accumulate without making any further appropriations.

OTIS B. OAKMAN,
Treasurer pro tem.

BRAINTREE SCHOOL FUND.

Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer.

Principal:

Braintree Savings Bank	\$1,038.50
Quincy Savings Bank	1,272.50
Randolph Savings Bank	850.00
Weymouth Savings Bank	1,000.00

Real Estate:

Farm on Town Street, 21.954 acres, with house and barn; land on Gran- ite Street, 19.096 acres, value	4,000.00
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	\$8,161.00

We find the amount stated as in the various Banks properly vouched by pass books.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer.

	Dr.	Cr.
Income Account:		
Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$115.78	
R. F. Horte, rent of land, 1 year to May 1, 1915	3.00	
F. L. Chandler, rent of land, 1 year to May 1, 1916	3.00	
A. Maud Anderson, rent of land, 1 year to May 1, 1916	6.00	
Anton DeCoste, rent of land, 1 year to May 1, 1916	2.50	
J. Petrell, rent of land, 1 year to May 1, 1916	12.00	
C. Q. Hunt, rent of land, 1 year to May 1, 1916	12.00	
F. A. Hayden, rent of farm, 1 year ..	200.00	
Dividends from Principal Account:		
Quincy Savings Bank	50.88	

Braintree Savings Bank	40.82	
Randolph Savings Bank	35.06	
Weymouth Savings Bank, 18 months .	67.99	
Braintree Savings Bank, dividend from income account	8.92	
A. Maud Anderson, wood	4.00	
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	\$561.95	
Paid F. A. Hayden, repairs at Farm .		\$17.71
Hartley L. White, surveying ...		37.50
Town of Braintree		350.00
Balance, Dec. 31, 1915		156.74
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	\$561.95	\$561.95

We find the above income correctly stated, the disbursements properly vouched and the balance on deposit in The Braintree Savings Bank.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

Wood to the amount of \$70 has been sold and the proceeds added to the Principal Account.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

We hereby submit the detailed reports of the Treasurer and Librarian.

ALBERT E. AVERY,
BENJAMIN F. DYER,
WILLIAM GALLAGHER,
WILLIAM C. HARDING,
ALVA MORRISON,
Trustees.

FUNDS AND ASSETS OF THE THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1915.

William C. Harding, Treasurer.

Caleb Stetson Fund.

Braintree Savings Bank, Book No. 7148	\$520.00
Town of Braintree Water Bond No. 30, for \$1000, 4% interest	980.00
Town of Braintree Water Bond No. 98, for \$1000, 4% interest	1,000.00
	\$2,500.00

Town of Braintree Notes.

Nine Notes, Nos. 45-53, at \$750 each, all dated July 1, 1914, and payable July 1, 1916, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, respectively, int. at 4%, payable semi-annually	\$6,750.00
Four Notes, Nos. 56-59, at \$500 each, all dated Oct. 1, 1914, and payable Oct. 1, 1916, '17, '18, '19, respectively. Semi-annual int. at 4%	2,000.00
	\$8,750.00

Rachel R. Thayer Bequest.

Home Savings Bank, Boston, Book No. 116676	\$172.50
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Savings Bank Deposits.

Weymouth Savings Bank, Book No. 13682	\$500.00
Quincy Savings Bank, Book No. 44275	750.00

	\$1,250.00
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	\$12,672.50
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I have examined the funds and assets of the Thayer Public Library Trustees, William C. Harding, Treasurer, and find same correct as stated.

FRANK W. COUILLARD,
C. FREDERICK TARBOX, per F. W. C.,
Auditors for 1915.

**NATHANIEL H. HUNT LEGACY INCOME ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915.**

William C. Harding, Treasurer.

1915

Income.

Jan. 1, Cash on dep. in State St. Trust Co., Boston	\$84.73
Jan. 18, From Town Treasurer	200.00
March 4, From Town Treasurer	60.00
April 7, From Town Treasurer	15.00
May 20, From Town Treasurer	60.00
June 28, From Town Treasurer	200.00
July 6, From Town Treasurer	100.00
July 13, From Town Treasurer	50.50
Sept. 1, From Town Treasurer	60.00
Nov. 22, From Town Treasurer	60.00
Dec. 6, From Town Treasurer	15.00
Dec. 31, From Town Treasurer	150.50
Interest on bank balance40

	\$1.056.13
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Expenditures.

Albert H. Hall, Boston, books	\$665.66
The Palmer Co., Boston, magazines	176.00
The H. W. Wilson Co., White Plains, N. Y., books	26.07
Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston, books	19.00
The Frontier Press Co., Boston, books	5.75
The Dictionary of Thoughts Pub. Co., Boston, books	3.90
The N. Y. Times Co., books	3.50
The Bobbs-Merrill Co., books	2.50
The Geo. W. Prescott Pub. Co., papers	2.00
A. L. A. Pub. Board, books	1.00
Cash on deposit in State St. Trust Co., Dec. 31, 1915	150.75
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	\$1,056.13

I have examined the account of Wm. C. Harding, Treasurer, showing the income and receipts of the Nathaniel H. Hunt Legacy Income Account, and find it correct and properly vouched, and balance on hand of \$150.75.

FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditor for 1915.

Braintree, Jan. 25, 1916.

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

William C. Harding, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915.**Receipts.**

Cash on deposit January 1, 1915, in State St. Trust Co., Boston	\$257.33
From Town Treasurer	1,400.00
Town note No. 44 paid	750.00
Town note No. 55 paid	500.00
Interest on Town notes	407.50
Lost and damaged books and fines	174.96
From Town Treasurer for distribution of books	150.00

Stetson Fund interest	70.40
Interest on bank balances	1.50
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	\$3,711.69

Expenditures.

Lucretia F. Hatch, Librarian	\$720.00
Alice A. Holbrook, Assistant Librarian	433.00
Town note No. 44, payment deposited in Quincy Savings Bank	750.00
Town note, No. 55, payment deposited in Weymouth Savings Bank	500.00
N. Michelson Co., Boston, bookbinding	301.52
Librarian's expenses for the year	156.96
H. W. Borden, winter steps and work at library	103.83
Woodsum Coal Co., coal	96.50
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, Inc., coal and wood	77.05
Charles Mallon, transportation of books	50.00
Braintree Electric Light Dept., lighting	46.70
Edward Avery, care of E. Braintree branch ..	37.50
George W. Prescott Pub Co., printing	33.15
Ralph L. Wiggin, books	22.50
Peter Ness, painting	21.50
F. L. Chandler, plumbing	12.20
Library Art Club, cards	9.11
Expense, Lucretia F. Hatch	8.39
Anti-Germ Fountain Co., one fountain	8.50
Library Bureau, cards	6.87
H. W. Bailey & Co., notices	6.75
Underwood and Underwood, photographs	6.50
Granite Trust Co., Quincy, safe deposit drawer	5.00
Stamps	4.00
John Gallivan, drinking fountain	3.75
Pratt & Pratt, printing	3.00
Albert H. Hall, Boston, books	2.50
Chandler & Finnegan, repairs	1.45
Braintree Water Dept., water	1.11

F. J. Chandler, 2 gauge glasses50
Cash on deposit Dec. 31, 1915	281.85
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	\$3,711.69

We have examined the account of William C. Harding, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Thayer Public Library, and find it correct, with all bills properly vouched, and balance of \$281.85 on deposit in the State St. Trust Co.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

January 25, 1916.

STATISTICS, 1915.

Number of books in the Library	16,218
*Number of books added during 1915	810
Number of books circulated during 1915	34,645
Number of books circulated in East Braintree	7,351
Largest daily circulation Nov. 27	233
Average daily circulation	118.24+
Per cent. of fiction circulation	67.56+
Number of days Library was opened	293
Total number of borrowers	2,755
Number of new borrowers in 1915	407
Number of new borrowers in East Braintree ..	116
Comparative circulation by years	
1913	27,527
1914	34,200
1915	34,645

PERIODICALS, 1916.

A. L. A. Booklist.

America

American City.

American Magazine

American Poultry Journal.

* This number includes bound magazines.

American Review of Reviews.
 Atlantic Monthly
 Bird Lore.
 Bookman.
 Book Review Digest.
 Boston Cooking School Magazine.
 Boston Evening Transcript.
 Braintree Bee.
 Braintree Observer
 Bulletin of Bibliography.
 Carnegie Pittsburgh Bulletin.
 Catholic World.
 Century.
 *Christian Register.
 *Christian Science Journal.
 *Christian Science Sentinel.
 Collier's.
 *Congregationalist.
 Country Life in America.
 Craftsman.
 Cumulative Index.
 Current Events.
 Current Opinion.
 Delineator.
 Dial.
 Education.
 Etude.
 Everybody's.
 *Filipino People.
 Forum.
 Garden Magazine.
 *Good Government.
 Good Housekeeping.
 Harper's Monthly.
 Harper's Weekly.
 Hearst's Magazine.
 Hibbert Journal.

Hints for Entertainments.
 House Beautiful.
 Illustrated London News.
 Illustrated World.
 Independent.
 Ladies' Home Journal.
 Library Journal.
 Life.
 Literary Digest.
 Living Age.
 London Punch.
 McClure's.
 Missionary Review.
 Modern Priscilla.
 Musician.
 Nation.
 National Geographic Magazine.
 New England Magazine.
 New York Times Book Review.
 New York Times Current History.
 Nineteenth Century and After.
 North American Review.
 *Official Gazette.
 *Our Dumb Animals.
 *Our Fourfooted Friends.
 Outing.
 Outlook.
 Popular Electricity.
 Popular Mechanics.
 *Protectionist.
 Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature.
 *Remonstrance.
 St. Nicholas.
 Scientific American.
 Scientific American Supplement.
 Scribner's Magazine.
 *Simplified Spelling Bulletin.
 Survey.

System.

*Universalist Leader.

Woman's Journal and Suffrage News.

*Woman's National Weekly.

*Woman's Protest Against Woman Suffrage.

World's Work.

Yale Review.

Youth's Companion.

* Gifts.

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The increase in the output of electrical current for the past year has been quite small, as will be shown by the comparison given below.

The output at the switchboard was for

1911	431,350 Kilowatt hrs.
1912	485,680 Kilowatt hrs.; increase 54,330, or 12½%
1913	528,373 Kilowatt hrs.; increase 42,693, or 9%
1914	583,695 Kilowatt hrs.; increase 55,322, or 10½%
1915	601,557 Kilowatt hrs.; increase 17,862, or 3%

For the five years, a total increase of 170,207, or 40%

Further interesting details will be found in the Manager's Report.

We hope this year to install a new turbine and generating engine, which will supply the necessary power to meet the increasing demands of business for several years.

Owing to the large and increasing advance in the price of copper and all other supplies, we hope that the demand for extension and increase of street lights will be suspended until the European War is over, when prices will return to a normal basis.

CHARLES T. CRANE,
ALEXANDER A. CARSON,
NORTON P. POTTER,
Municipal Light Board.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

Braintree, Mass.

To the Municipal Light Board,

Gentlemen: I hand you herewith my annual report of the operation of this Department for 1915.

One hundred and six new customers have been added to our lines, making the total now in active service 1460.

Two street lights have been installed, making total now in operation 698.

The lines, steam and electric machinery are in good repair and fulfilling their various functions in the usual regular manner.

At this time I wish to call to your attention the advisability of replacing our 100 Kva reciprocating generating unit, with a turbine generator of 375 Kva capacity. This is in line with my recommendations of 1914, and same can be purchased new complete, including erection, for \$11,000.

This would give us a much needed duplicate service capacity, and could be operated on our present service demand at 10% better efficiency in fuel than our present outfit; the business has outgrown the smaller unit, and the demand for power service, "as it has been demonstrated during the latter part of 1915," is advancing very rapidly, and this installation would give to us ample generating capacity for at least five years hence, judging from our past yearly service growth.

Output at Switchboard for 1915.

Total kilowatts generated	601,557
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Divided thus:

House and store lighting	246,691	
Power services	68,694	
Street lighting	158,269	
Station auxiliaries	30,000	
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Unaccounted "line loss"	97,903
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New Construction, 1915.

Wire run for street lighting, No. 6, ft.	1,200
Wire run for primaries, No. 6, ft.	9,600
Wire run for secondary, No. 6, ft.	30,770
Wire run for secondary, No. 4, ft.	8,450
Wire run for secondary, No. 2, ft.	400
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	50,420

Approximating 9½ miles.

Poles Used and Erected, 1915.

New work	52-30 ft.
New work	17-35 ft.
New work	1-40 ft.
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	70
Renewals	1-30 ft.
Renewals	9-35 ft.
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	10
Total	80

Street lights were burned 3134 hours, being in operation 352 nights, averaging eight hours and fifty-four minutes per night.

Automobiles.

Three were operated during the year, consuming 2055 gals. gasoline, costing \$297.60.

Thus:

Gasoline	\$297.60
Oil and supplies	126.26
Repairs	351.93
Tires	350.07
Depreciation	248.64
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	\$1,374.50

Cash Account, 1915.

Revenue:

House and store lighting R. mtrs.	\$20,018.62
House and store lighting P.P.	
mtrs.	3,364.50
Power services	2,387.00
Lamp sales	1,123.48
Material, supplies and ashes ...	1,646.28
Jobbing accounts	382.38
Pung and buggy	100.00
Cash at E. Br. office, Dec. 31, 1914	142.27

Cash in Treasurer's office Dec.	
31, 1914	401.68
Street lighting	6,264.00
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	\$35,830.21

Disbursements.

Orders drawn and paid	\$29,673.27
Paid to depreciation fund	4,670.62
Sinking fund	430.00
Interest on bonds	660.00
Sundry accounts from office ...	127.88
Exchange20
Bal. Treasurer's office	182.30
Bal. at office, E. Braintree	85.94
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	\$35,830.21

Maintenance Account, 1915.

Stable	233.25
Repairs electric plant	53.03
Repairs steam plant	594.78
Oil waste and packing	443.03
Repairs lines and meters	4,442.00
Fuel account	5,821.35
Salaries	2,449.96
Wages at station	5,571.49
Wages distribution	1,186.92
Office expense	539.82
Street series lamps	675.95
Repairs real estate	76.92
Automobiles	1,600.00
Distribution tools	106.19
Water account	704.45
Station tools	87.97
Office furniture and fixtures	3.00
Rent right of way	5.00
Insurance account	844.89
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	\$25,440.00

Manufacturing Statement.

Revenue light and power services . . .	\$25,770.12	
Revenue street lighting	6,264.00	
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		\$32,034.12
Less maintenance		25,440.00
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		\$6,594.12

Depreciation Fund Cash.

Balance December 31, 1914	\$20,983.27
Paid from revenue	4,670.62
Interest receipts	528.61
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Balance December 31, 1915	\$26,182.50

Sinking Fund.

Balance December 31, 1914	\$13,816.80
Paid from revenue	430.00
Received from interest	575.11
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Balance December 31, 1915	\$14,821.91

Balance Sheet, 1915.

Electric plant	\$10,952.72	
Steam plant	11,687.88	
Real estate	8,817.21	
Electric lines	28,498.17	
Transformers	6,127.57	
Meters	16,818.16	
Stable (inventory)	295.00	
Repairs elec. plant	845.97	
Repairs steam plant	794.59	
Oil waste and packing	200.61	
Repairs lines	1,622.68	
Consumers' supplies (inventory)	1,084.08	
Fuel (inventory)	352.04	
Street series lamps	207.16	
Accrued interest		\$155.83

Power account	683.30	
Office cash	85.94	
Consumers' account	9,728.03	
Town Treasurer, cash	182.30	
Profit and loss		9,269.49
Consumers' lamps	591.50	
Automobile account (inventory)	1,226.35	
Sinking fund	14,821.91	
Depreciation fund	26,182.50	
Station tools	694.50	
Distribution tools	425.00	
Street lamps and fixtures	2,805.27	
Appropriation construction		46,168.74
Bonds outstanding		16,500.00
Note payments		64,000.00
Sinking fund appropriations		6,450.00
Bills receivable	1,155.47	
Bills payable		5,077.85
Office furniture and fixtures	736.00	
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	\$147,621.91	\$147,621.91

Depreciation Fund, 1916.

Thus:

Note payments	\$64,000.00
Construction appropriations ...	46,168.74
Bonds	16,500.00
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	\$126,668.74

Depreciation at 3% on \$126,668.74 equals 3,800.06

Appropriation for Street Lighting, 1916.

698 lamps at \$9.00 per \$6,282.00

To be applied thus :

Depreciation fund payment	\$3,800.06
Interest on bonds	660.00
Sinking fund payment	430.00
Extension lines	1,391.94
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	\$6,282.00

Auditors' Report.

We have examined the accounts of F. B. Lawrence, Manager of the Braintree Electric Light Department and approve the same.

Cash received and paid to Treasurer as per cash book of Department and Treasurer's receipt book, \$28,950.71.

On account of the great amount of time and detail required, the income of this Department has not been audited.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:—In compliance with your request, I submit the following report of the Department of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 1, 1915.

I have tried most earnestly during the year just past to perform the duties of the office in an impartial and fair manner, and therefore be just to all parties concerned. I have found our merchants most courteous and willing to comply with the laws in relation to the sealing of weights and measures.

On March 14, 1912, Section 21 of Chapter 246 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts was enacted, which reads as follows:

“All fruits, vegetables and nuts, except as hereinafter otherwise provided, shall be sold at retail by dry measure weight, or by numerical count, and all fruits and vegetables for which a legal weight has been established shall be sold at retail only by weight or numerical count. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall forfeit a sum not exceeding ten dollars for each offence.”

It is very evident by the receipts obtained from the outside work that the office work has increased considerably, as shown by the report. There is a bill before the General Court to abolish all fees for the sealing of weights and measures. The merchants are, therefore, taking advantage of the same by having their work done at the office. Up to a short time ago the duties of a sealer of weights and measures were nothing but a sealer of weights and measures, but at the present time the duties of a sealer of weights and measures are those of an inspector of commodities of every description. To repeat a remark of the Commissioner of Weights, he says, inspections after sealing are more essential to assure the purchasing public of correct weights and measures.

On my tour of inspections I purchased food products of all descriptions, to ascertain, if correct weight was being given to the purchasing public, to the amount of \$68.50.

Apothecary Weights, Measures, and Balances.

Prescription scales: 3 sealed, 1 condemned, 1 adjusted.

Weights: 35 sealed, 12 condemned, 5 adjusted.

Coal Re-weighing.

During the past year I have re-weighed 39 loads of coal in transit, and found 11 heavy or over-weighed, and 3 under or short-weighed, varying from five to ten pounds, and 25 correct weight.

Coal in Bags—Less Than 100 Lbs.

I have made 185 inspections and found that the dealers who put up coal in this manner are very careful as to the weight. As to the quality of the coal, I have no jurisdiction.

I am including in this report receipts and expenditures of the department for the year just past and various tables of work done.

I wish to thank all with whom I have been associated this past year, and feel very sure that our future relations could be even more pleasant. All these things, of course, help greatly toward the best possible results.

Revenue received from peddlers and hawkers for	
licenses	\$118.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. HANNAFORD,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Office, Town Hall, Mondays, 2 to 4 p.m.

Inside or Office Work. No Fee Charged.

Surveyors' tapes	3
Scales tested and found correct	117
Scales tested and condemned	23

Scales tested and adjusted	38
Weights tested and found correct	93
Weights tested and condemned	12
Weights tested and adjusted	21
Liquid measures found correct	48
Liquid measures condemned	12
Dry measures sealed	6
Dry measures condemned	3
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Total	376

Outside Work.

Scales tested and found correct	157
Scales tested and condemned	8
Scales tested and adjusted	18
Weights tested and found correct	419
Weights tested and condemned	11
Weights tested and adjusted	21
Dry measures tested and found correct	8
Dry measures tested and condemned	4
Liquid measures tested and found correct	164
Liquid measures tested and condemned	19
Linear measures tested and found correct	15
Linear measures tested and condemned	1
Measuring pumps found correct	12
Leather measuring machine not sealed	1
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Total	858
Slot weighing machines sealed	7
Slot weighing machines condemned	2
Amount received and paid to the Treasurer in fees	\$72.23

Number of Inspections Made from April 1 to Dec. 1, 1915.

Coal reweighing while in transit	39
Coal reweighing in bags of less than 100 pounds	185
Inspections in stores after scales had been tested	450
Inspections of scales used by peddlers	126
Inspections of scales used by icemen	85

Inspection of jars on milk wagons	38
Inspection of junk dealers' scales	45
Inspections of coal teams for certificates	46
Inspections of milk jars bearing Mass. seal	18,500
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Total number of inspections	19,514

Expenditures for year 1915, \$103.98, and no appropriation.

Licenses		\$118.00
Hobbs and Warren	\$3.00	
Globe Stamp Co.	1.90	
Globe Stamp Co.	1.48	
H. W. Bailey	7.00	
Hobbs and Warren	5.08	
G. W. Prescott Co.	5.25	
Pratt and Pratt	4.00	
Transportation and expenses	38.20	
Hennessey Brass Company	11.50	
Hobbs and Warren	4.09	
Insurance	11.25	
Hobbs and Warren	7.75	
Bay State Express Company50	
Globe Stamp Company	3.00	
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Total	\$103.98	\$103.98
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Balance		\$14.02

CHARLES S. HANNAFORD,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BRAINTREE.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:—The Board of Engineers herewith submit the annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1915.

F. A. Tenney, J. S. Hill, F. O. Whitmarsh, H. M. Storm, B. H. Woodsum, G. H. Holbrook were appointed engineers for the year 1915. The Board met and organized as follows: F. A. Tenney, Chief; J. S. Hill, Clerk.

There have been 97 alarms, 46 box alarms, 51 still alarms; 34 were for buildings, 53 were for grass, woods, fence, and dump fires; 6 lost child calls, 3 false alarms, 1 automobile fire. There were 2 general alarms, 4 second alarms.

Valuation of buildings	\$146,840.00
Insurance on buildings	116,640.00
Loss on buildings	40,723.60
Valuation of contents	184,058.00
Insurance on contents	138,808.00
Loss on contents	50,772.40
Permits granted to set fires	221
Permits granted to use dynamite	4
Permits granted for garages	11
Registration granted for garages	4
Permits granted for selling fireworks	7
Gasoline permits granted	6

I would recommend that the Town purchase 1000 feet of new hose. Also that a sum of money be appropriated for repairs at Franklin Street Engine House. I would recommend that a sum of money be appropriated for a Combination Pumping Engine and more permanent men. I would

recommend that the sum of \$1200 be appropriated for general running expenses of the Fire Department. I would recommend that the sum of \$700 be appropriated for extra pay of Firemen. I would recommend that the sum of \$2,636.00 be appropriated for payment of Engineers, Firemen, Stewards, and poll taxes. I would recommend that a sum of money be appropriated to pay Fred Piercy for a horse that he lost while responding to an alarm.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. TENNEY, Chief.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Braintree, Mass., Jan. 1, 1916.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the report of the Police Department for the year 1915.

Whole number of arrests	193
Residents	135
Non-residents	58
Male	187
Female	6
Lost children	7

Causes of Arrests.

Assault and battery	16
Assault with dangerous weapons	2
Assault with intent to kill	1
Assault on an officer	2
Cruelty to animals	2
Carrying loaded revolver	2
Disturbing the peace	9
Disturbance on train	3
Drunkenness	60
Evading carfare	2
Fornication	3
Idle and disorderly	2
Insane	6
Larceny	15
Lewd conduct	1
Maliciously destroying property	3
Neglected children	2
Neglected families	8
Rape	1
Selling cigarettes to minors	1
Suspicious persons	3
Threat to assault	2

Tramps	3
Trespassing	6
Violation of auto laws	5
Violation of liquor laws	8
Violation of milk laws	3
Violation of probation	4
Warrants and summons served for out-of-town officers	18

Before closing my report, I desire to call the attention of the citizens to the fact that the work of the Department is increasing, as can be seen by the number of arrests and complaints made last year, and it being my desire to give the Town better protection, and also to be in a position where I can answer the numerous complaints that come to me from all parts of the Town, and for a better enforcement of the laws, I wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Town vote to have one more member added to the regular police force, to be located in Precinct 1.
2. That the Town provide a conveyance for the Department so that we may give the citizens quicker and better service than we are able to do under present conditions.
3. That the citizens vote to place the regular police force under civil service.

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION SCHOOL

The committee appointed to consider the recommendations of the School Committee as to whether the "Union School be disposed of, either by moving bodily or in sections, to the Town Street lot, or sold to be moved away; and that the lot, except what may be necessary for the fire house, be sold," beg to report as follows:

That moving bodily or in sections to the Town Street lot is not feasible from the point of cost, damage to trees in moving, and the fact that the building is badly in need of new heating and sanitary arrangements.

Inasmuch as this land lies so near to the Hollis School, it would not be used again for new school construction, such a building being more needed in other sections.

Since it is impractical to move the structure and the lot is wanted no longer for school purposes, the committee recommends that the town turn the property over to the Selectmen with instructions to sell.

F. H. GILE,
W. S. TRACEY,
W. S. DAVIS,
C. F. CAVANAGH.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Park Commissioners herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1915.

At the last Town Meeting a Board of Park Commissioners was elected as follows:—

To serve one year, J. Frederick Kemp.

To serve two years, Ray S. Hubbard.

To serve three years, James H. Stedman.

On inquiry of the Board of Selectmen, the Park Commission was advised that the lands falling to its jurisdiction were French's Common at South Braintree, Hollis Field at Braintree, and the new East Braintree Playground.

Since the Board has been in existence but nine months, and has had for its appropriation but \$350.00, it cannot be well expected that its record of progress will disclose anything of a startling nature. The Board has consulted Mr. George H. Wetherbee, Jr., on various occasions, and has had Mr. Wetherbee make a survey of both the Hollis Field and the East Braintree Playground.

Briefly in detail the work carried on has been as follows:

French's Common.

Here the Board has kept the grass cut and the field clean, has trimmed up some of the trees and installed sand boxes in the grove, also a few plank seats. The rear of the common, back of the grove, is in a very unfortunate condition, having been used as a dump and also as a gravel pit. There is adequate room there for two double tennis courts, which we feel would be of distinct benefit to the people of that locality. We believe that these courts could be constructed at an expense of approximately \$300.00. They would provide not only a fine means of recreation, but would also eliminate what is now an eyesore to all. We would recommend that in the grove further plank seats be installed, and that swings, rings and teeter-boards for the smaller chil-

dren, be provided. The bleachers on the south side of the field are very much in need of rejuvenation, but we feel that the same can be passed for the present year. The drinking fountain given to the Town by the Friendly Aid Society has been placed near the Town Hall and is easily accessible to the Playground.

Hollis Field.

In conference with Mr. Wetherbee we have made a plotting of this field, providing for two baseball diamonds, one for the men and one for the boys; a football field; basket-ball; running track, the center of which can be used for skating purposes; two tennis courts; and an area reserved for children, which now contains sand boxes, and with the help of the Hollis School Association will provide same with rings, swings and teeter-boards during the present year.

From its size and location, the Hollis Field appeals to your Board as being the place to locate a general athletic field. Owing to the slope of the field from the Hollis School to the railroad track, a difference of approximately 25 ft., it will be necessary for this field to be developed in probably two, and possibly three, levels. While we appreciate that this will involve some little cost, we are confident that when the field is completed it will more than repay the expense incurred. We do not expect, nor desire, to complete the work on this field in one year or two, but would like to have an assured annual appropriation, which will permit work being planned from year to year.

East Braintree Playground.

Soon after the organization of the Park Commission, a public meeting was held at the Jonas Perkins School to discuss the advisability of development of the East Braintree Playground, there having been apparently considerable opposition to the location. The vote of the meeting—40 to 5—in favor of the retention of the playground and of its development, left no doubt in the minds of your Board as to the

advisability of proceeding with this playground as far as our funds permitted. Thanks to many business firms, as well as individuals, we were enabled to lay out a baseball diamond, remove several trees that were in the center of the field, dispose of a considerable amount of rock, and build a back-stop. Sand boxes and swings were also installed, and one Sunday afternoon a band concert was provided, this latter through the help of the Fore River Ship & Engine Corporation. In addition to the appropriation voted by the Board from its limited funds, public spirited citizens of East Braintree have contributed about \$60.00

We would ask for the co-operation of all citizens of the Town, believing that the more people are acquainted with the playground idea, the more they will appreciate the value of such institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FREDERICK KEMP,
RAY S. HUBBARD,
JAMES H. STEDMAN,
Board of Park Commissioners.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending December 31, 1915.

	Commissioners' Division of Accounts.			Total. Receipts.
	French Common.	Hollis Field.	E. B. Playground.	
RECEIPTS.				
Town of Braintree, appropriations	\$75.00	\$202.23	\$75.00	\$352.23
Donations		50.00	153.30	203.30
From cleaning up after Field Days	16.00	9.00	2.00	27.00
Totals	\$91.00	\$261.23	\$230.30	\$582.53
EXPENDITURES.				
Improvement to Grounds.				
Robert Gibson, removing trees and stone wall			\$45.00	
Board of Water Commissioners, connecting fountain			6.43	
William May, grading, making walks, etc.		74.55	8.65	
William Rowell, digging for fountain, etc.		60.00	10.00	
George H. Wetherbee, for laying out grounds				
Totals		\$134.55	\$70.08	\$204.63
Equipment.				
Morss and Whyte, netting for back stop			\$5.88	
Fellows & Co., swings			11.76	
Rhines Lumber Co., lumber for sand boxes	\$6.33	\$6.34		
Dodge Sales Co., teeter-board fixtures			3.11	
Lynn Sporting Goods Co., baseball bases			3.25	
Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, teeter-boards			2.25	
S. H. Davis Co., lawn mower	3.55	7.09		

F. L. Chandler, scythe and whetstone .....	.62	1.23	26.45
Johns-Manville Co., drinking fountain			
James O. Sypher, sand	2.50	3.75	3.00
J. A. Ryan, entrance gate .....			.82
Rhines Lumber Co., lumber for drinking fountain base			4.00
Harry T. Tarbox, sand			
F. L. Chandler, oiler (and oil) .....	.35	.10	
Braintree Hardware Co., rake .....		.50	
Totals	\$13.35	\$19.01	\$60.52
			\$92.88

Expenses.

Pratt & Pratt, printing	\$1.66	\$1.67	\$5.25
Pratt & Pratt, advertising	1.00	1.00	1.67
George W. Prescott Publishing Co., advertising	71.95	18.10	1.00
George H. Slade, labor	1.29	1.28	1.28
Berkeley Press, printing .....	.50	.50	1.00
Cash, postage stamps	33	.33	.34
Thorpe & Martin, record book .....	.17	.17	.16
Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, stationery			10.00
P. J. Williams, erecting band stand			25.00
Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, band expenses			2.52
Henry L. Kincaide, rent of chairs			1.00
William Rowell, labor			
R. Allen Gage, labor		5.00	
Braintree Water Department, water		47.89	
Totals	\$76.90	\$75.94	\$49.22
Grand Totals	\$90.25	\$229.50	\$179.82
Cash on hand			\$82.96
			\$582.53

Unexpended balance of \$82.96 is from donations received for specific purposes.

J. FREDERICK KEMP,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH
OF THE
TOWN OF BRAINTREE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915

Printed by Order of the Town



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REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

Braintree, January 1, 1916.

To the Citizens of Braintree:

The following table gives the number and variety of reportable diseases existing in Braintree in 1915:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Carcinoma of													
Intestines		1											1
Diphtheria		1	1		2			1	2	2	1		10
Scarlet Fever	1				2					5			8
Measles	1		31	69	26		4			1		1	133
Tuberculosis	2	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	13	1	1	31
Chicken Pox		5	7	1									13
Ophthalmia													
Neonatorum			1			1							2
Whooping Cough									4	1		1	6
German Measles				2	1	2							5
Typhoid Fever					1	2	1	1	2	3	1		11
Mumps							3	1		1			5
Septic Sore Throat					1								1
Cerebrospinal Meningitis					2								2
Totals	4	10	42	74	34	7	9	5	9	26	3	3	

The only epidemic during the year occurred in March, April and May, when 126 cases of measles were reported. During the seven months beginning with May, eleven cases of typhoid fever were reported. Of these, four cases all found employment in one outside manufacturing plant. Three were evidently contracted in outside towns during the vacation season. The cause of the remaining four could not be determined. These four cases, scattered over a period of seven months, indicated, on examination, no common source of infection. The number of cases of diphtheria and scarlet-fever were far below the usual yearly average.

The production and distribution of milk has been carried on in an improved manner. Most dealers have accepted and acted on suggestions in a spirit of co-operation. One dealer was fined \$25 for selling milk in Braintree after

he had been ordered to discontinue doing so. Three others were prohibited until certain conditions were remedied. As a whole, the milk situation in Braintree compares very favorably with outside towns.

The following number and class of animals were slaughtered during 1915, the Inspector being present the entire time from the beginning of slaughter to the stamping. The work has been carried out in a very thorough and conscientious manner.

	Sows.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Collections.
January	2	1	43	0	
February	5	37	33	0	
March	3	231	35	1	
April	6	192	21	0	
May	5	230	2	0	
June	2	132	0	5	
July	0	56	0	0	
August	1	49	0	0	
September	3	21	6	0	
October	3	36	32	0	
November	4	16	59	0	
December	9	18	134	0	
Totals	43	1019	365	6	\$265.00

Diseases.—January 1, tuberculosis; April, 1, pneumonia; May, 1, poor, worn-out and bruised.

Whole number inspected, 1433.

Whole number inspected and stamped, 1430.

The plumbing regulations have been strictly enforced and the general standard is improving from year to year.

Two hundred and fourteen complaints of nuisances have been investigated. Practically all were remedied without legal procedure.

The board wishes to thank the citizens for the generally fair treatment and consideration which they received.

Respectfully,

F. HERBERT GILE, M.D., Chairman,
WALTER B. SKINNER, Secretary,
JOSEPH G. BAILEY.

WILLIS H. MARTIN, Agent.

To the Board of Health:

Braintree, January 1, 1916.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report of the Department of Inspector of Meats and Provisions.

I have inspected from Jan. 15 to Dec. 31, 1915, 1433 carcasses and have stamped 1430 carcasses, as follows: 365 hogs, 1019 calves, 40 neat cattle, 6 sheep, 3 cows.

I condemned as follows: Jan. 16, 1 cow badly affected with tuberculosis; April 15, 1 cow badly affected with pneumonia; May 20, 1 cow, poor, worn out and badly bruised. The hoof and mouth disease, which was prevalent in certain counties of the State, worked to the advantage of Braintree. Quite a few calves which would have been shipped to the Brighton cattle yards, were slaughtered in Braintree, owing to the quarantine being on at that place, which somewhat increased the revenue, it being more than double that of last year. Five licenses have been granted in place of seven the year previous. A close watch has been kept on those who would be likely to break the law.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD O. PIERSON,

Inspector of Meats and Provisions.

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen: We submit herewith our report as Inspector of Plumbing for the year ending December 31, 1915. There have been issued from this office 149 permits to perform plumbing in old and new buildings. Of this number 147 have passed inspection, 6 remain unfinished, to be done in year 1916; 4 of that number were on file January 1, 1915, as unfinished for 1914.

The value of plumbing installed for 1915 was \$25,505. We wish to thank the master plumbers for their great help in putting into effect the plumbing laws, which have so greatly raised the standard of the sanitary conditions of our dwellings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. LUDDEN, Inspector.

L. F. CHANDLER, Deputy.

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Braintree, Mass., January 26, 1916.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:—Books were furnished me, as usual, for making my annual report as Animal Inspector for the year 1915. After having already made an inspection of 26 herds of cattle, I received orders, on Feb. 11, 1915, from Lester M. Howard, State Commissioner of the Board of Animal Industry, to discontinue my inspection until further notice. I did not receive any further notice until Jan. 22, 1916, so no general inspection was made last year, for at this time the State of Massachusetts was held in quarantine on account of the hoof and mouth disease being so prevalent in some portions of the State, although not a single case of said disease was discovered in the Town of Braintree. I have had a general supervision of the animals in this town on my own account during the past year. I have been called upon several times to visit the different places where animals such as neat cattle were kept, also hogs, sheep and goats. The disease of glanders has very largely decreased in the past year, in comparison with former years, and no special case has come under my observation. But very little tuberculosis has been found during the year, as I have had only one case to quarantine. I also quarantined one case of cancer in the eye, but the quarantine was lifted per order of Lester M. Howard, State Commissioner of the Board of Animal Industry, it not being considered a contagious disease.

The quarantine of the State of Massachusetts so affected this town during the month of November, 1915, that no animals could be removed from one place to another, not even for the purpose of dressing for own family uses. In some cases, both beef cattle, hogs and calves which could not be removed, were dressed on the farms where they were raised for own family use. As this quarantine has now been

lifted in the town and throughout the state and by the order of the State Commissioner, a general inspection is now being made, which will appear in the Town Report for the year 1916.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPHUS SAMPSON,
Inspector of Animals in Braintree.

AUDITORS' REPORT

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1915.

	Appropriations.	Credits.	Miscellaneous.	Overdrafts.	Payments by Orders.	Unexpended Balance.	No Order Drawn.
Legislative Expense							
Moderator	\$25 00				\$25 00		
Executive.							
Selectmen's salaries	487 50				487 50		
Clerical help and other expenses	400 00	\$3 00		\$38 02	441 02		
Financial.							
Auditors' salaries	150 00				150 00		
Treasurer's salary	525 00	109 38			634 38		
Other expenses	50 00				44 12	\$5 88	
Treasurer's bond	120 00			120 00	240 00		
Tax Collector's salary	600 00				600 00		
Other expenses	150 00	12 00		45 32	207 32		
Bond	100 00				100 00		
Assessors' salaries	487 50				487 50		
Clerical help and other expenses	750 00			33 12	783 12		
Other General Departments.							
Town Clerk's salary	650 00				650 00		
Other expenses	250 00				230 91	19 09	
Law	250 00				106 00	144 00	
Election and Registration.							
Registrars' salaries	150 00				150 00		
Other expenses	700 00			61 09	761 09		
Town Hall.							
Janitor	550 00				550 00		

Maintenance	500 00	976 56		1,284 77	191 79
Insurance	75 00			20 00	55 00
Boiler Insurance	30 50			30 50	
Police Department.					
Salary of Police	3,741 25			3,728 75	12 50
Extra Patrolmen	348 00			333 00	15 00
Court and other expenses	350 00	571 47	Unexpended	832 26	90 98
Fire Department.		1 77	Returned		
Pay of Engineers and Firemen	2,586 00			2,574 00	12 00
Extra pay of Firemen	400 00			394 05	5 95
General expenses	900 00	13 50		1,372 53	
Hydrant service	6,450 00		459 03	6,450 00	
New hose	560 00			539 00	21 00
Platform, Hose No. 2	70 00			70 00	
Maintenance of Fire Alarm	300 00		48	300 48	
Painting Hose Wagon No. 3	50 00			50 00	
Weights and Measures.					
Sealer's salary, fees and license	200 00			200 00	
Other expenses	75 00	108 00		104 98	78 02
Forestry.					
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Suppres-					
sion	2,400 00	1,782 28	1,241 70	5,368 40	55 58
Care of trees	500 00			476 68	23 32
Forest fires	400 00	9 58		450 04	
Health and Sanitation.					
Board of Health, salaries	300 00	22 00	Licenses	300 00	
Other expenses	100 00	31 29		158 05	22 00
Printing	200 00			133 25	66 75
Fumigation	200 00			170 50	29 50
Contagious diseases	500 00			218 50	281 50
Inspection of animals	100 00			100 00	
Inspection of meat and provisions ..	300 00	328 35	Fees	283 33	345 02

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1915.—Continued.

	Appropriations.	Credits.	Miscellaneous.	Overdrafts.	Payments by Orders.	Unexpended Balance.	No Order Drawn.
Inspection of milk	100 00				100 00		
Inspection of plumbing	300 00			153 60	453 60		
Vital statistics	50 00			4 50	54 50		
Care of dumps	100 00				97 00	3 00	
Highways and Bridges.							
Highway Surveyors' salaries	487 50				487 50		
Clerical help and other expenses	175 00				172 70	2 30	
General repairs	15,000 00	773 22	2,412 30	St. R. R. Tax	21,765 74	84 49	139 76
			2,376 10	St. R. R. Excise Tax			
			1,428 37	Abb'trs Tax			
Snow	1,000 00	1 50		639 91	1,641 41		
Street lights	6,264 00				6,264 00		
Victoria Avenue	500 00				499 24	76	
Standish Avenue	390 00				378 10	11 90	
Oak Street	250 00				247 95	2 05	
Robinson Avenue and Mt. Vernon St.	400 00				400 00		
Union Street sidewalk	300 00				280 00	20 00	
State highway, Washington St.	5,000 00				5,000 00		
Charities.							
Overseers of Poor, salaries	487 50				487 50		
Clerical help and other expenses	225 00			16 99	241 99		
Baintree Home maintenance	1,600 00	962 06			2,539 70	22 36	
Insurance	60 00			14 39	74 39		
Repairs	200 00				195 50	4 50	
Outside relief	5,000 00	772 71			3,654 77	2,117 94	
Support under Chap. 763, Acts of 1913	1,300 00	566 88			7,788 15	78 73	

Soldiers' Benefits.					
State Aid and Soldiers' Burials	2,700 00			2,440 00	260 00
Military Aid	144 00		24 00	168 00	
Soldiers' Relief	800 00		13 78	813 78	
Education.					
Teachers and Superintendent, salaries	41,000 00	887 29		41,127 29	1,111 38
		350 00			
		1 38			
Janitors' salaries	4,950 00			4,890 00	60 00
Text-books and supplies	2,759 25	478 81		3,214 35	23 71
School incidentals	800 00	12 83	33 11	845 94	
Buildings and grounds, repairs and incidentals	1,000 00	43 86	573 26	1,617 12	
Transportation of pupils	1,700 00	424 17	335 83	2,460 00	
Fuel	2,700 00		146 22	2,688 73	11 27
Insurance on buildings	353 70			499 92	
Insurance on boilers	137 25			137 25	
Repairs, Hollis School	2,000 00			1,981 25	18 75
Grading Abraham Lincoln School	300 00			293 10	6 90
Penniman School Hall	300 00			300 00	
Library					
General expenses	1,500 00			1,400 00	100 00
Distribution books	150 00			150 00	
Janitor's services	250 00			250 00	
Library Prin. 3	1,000 00				1,000 00
Recreation.					
Town Lands	150 00			150 00	
Hollis Playground	202 23			202 23	
Unclassified.					
Miscellaneous expenses	2,000 00	428 65		1,926 00	502 65
Memorial Day	200 00			200 00	

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1915.—Continued.

	Appropriations.	Credits.	Miscellaneous.	Overdrafts.	Payments by Orders.	Unexpended Balance.	No Order Drawn.
Overlay Account.							
Tax of 1913			1,553 68	Bal. Jan. 1, 1915	1,553 68		
Tax of 1914			3,173 99		905 12	2,268 87	
Tax of 1915			4,184 51		1,880 58	2,303 93	
Insurance against Injury to Employees	350 00				349 10	90	
Electric Light Department.							
Lighting Board, salaries	300 00						300 00
Depreciation fund	4,670 62						4,670 62
Street light extension	503 38						503 38
Operating expenses	401 68						401 68
Cemetery							
Plain Street	150 00	30 00			173 50	6 50	
Water Department.							
Extension of mains	4,000 00				4,000 00		
Sinking funds							
Electric light loan	430 00						430 00
Water loans	5,120 00				5,120 00		
Interest on Funded Debts.							
General	800 00						800 00
Playgrounds	130 00						130 00
Schools	2,425 00						2,425 00
Town Hall	1,700 00						1,700 00
Electric Light	660 00						660 00
Water	10,860 00						10,860 00
On Loan in anticipation of revenue ..	2,400 00					494 27	1,905 73
Municipal Indebtedness.							
General	2,500 00					2,500 00	

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections therein, to meet at the polling places in their respective Precincts, to wit:

Polling place in Precinct No. 1, Town Hall.

Polling place in Precinct No. 2, Hose House, Hollis Avenue.

Polling place in Precinct No. 3, Hose House, Allen Street.

On Monday the sixth day of March, 1916, at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in to the Wardens of their respective Precincts their votes on the official ballot for a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, one member of the Board of Assessors for a term of three years, three Overseers of the Poor, three Highway Surveyors, three Auditors, three Fence Viewers, a Tax Collector, a Tree Warden, two members of the Board of School Committee for a term of three years, one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years, one Water Commissioner, and Commissioner of Sinking Funds for a term of three years, one Electric Light Commissioner for a term of three years, and fifteen Constables.

Also to vote "Yes" or "No" upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

The polls will be opened at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at one-thirty o'clock p.m.

You are further directed to notify and warn said inhabitants qualified to vote as aforesaid to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, 1916, at seven and one-half o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all other Town Officers except those elected by ballot.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will hold its Treasurer harmless on his bond from any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of the several boards of Town Officers and any committee, and to choose any committee the Town may think proper.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of the Town Officers and the expenses of the several departments, including the bond of the Town Treasurer and the bond of the Tax Collector.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Registration and Elections.

Town Hall.

Article 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Town Hall, and for the services of a Janitor.

Police Department.

Article 9. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries and expenses of its Police Department and for the necessary expenses required for the enforcement of the law.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of Court expenses.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to add one more member to the regular police force, to be located in Precinct One.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to provide a conveyance for the Police Department.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the part of Section 37, Chapter 19, of the Revised Laws and amendments thereto, that applies to placing the Police force under the Civil Service.

Fire Department.

Article 14. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Fire Department, and for Hydrant service.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extra pay of firemen.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of new hose.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Combination Pumping engine, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to add more permanent men to the Fire Department, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the same.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to build a Central Fire Station, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs to the engine house on Franklin Street.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 to recompense Fred W. Piercy for the loss of his horse in October, 1914, in the service of the Town Fire Department.

Article 22. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Fire Alarm System.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a fire alarm box, near the junction of Middle and Liberty Streets.

Inspection.

Article 24. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the sealing of weights and measures.

Forestry.

Article 25. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths, Care of Trees, and Forest Fires.

Health.

Article 26. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries and expenses of the Board of Health and salary of a Secretary; also for Vital Statistics, and for the Inspection of Milk, Animals, Slaughtering, Provisions and Plumbing, and Care of Dumps.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to assist in defraying the expenses of "clean up week," so called.

Highways.

Article 28. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Highway Department, repairs of highways, town ways and bridges; also for repairs and building sidewalks, stone roads, removal of snow, watering and oiling streets, and street lighting; also for the purchase of a road roller.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission to lay out and construct a continuation of the State Highway at Braintree Highlands, northerly, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same; also to indemnify the Commonwealth against claims for land and grade damages on account of such laying out and construction.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a town way as made by the Selectmen, of Hollingsworth Avenue, so called, leading from West Street to Franklin Street.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of the southerly end of Jersey Avenue and of Hunt Avenue, so called, as made by the Selectmen, under instructions of the Town.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the relocation of Pearl Street, as made by the Selectmen, under instructions of the Town.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Holmes Street, so called, leading from Independence Avenue to Washington Street.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Fairfield Street, so called, leading from Washington Street to the Quincy line.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Wyman Road, so-called, leading northerly from Webster Road.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Wilmarth Road, so called, leading northerly from Webster Road.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out as a town way, May Street, so called, leading westerly from Hobart Street.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to lay out as a town way, Elm Knoll Road, so called, leading southerly from Commercial Street, and raise and appropriate \$150 for the same.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of a private way, as made by the Selectmen, leading from Grove Street over land of Jeanette Monaghan.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a town way, as made by the Selectmen, of Park Avenue, so called, leading from Washington Street to the easterly line of Putnam Avenue, so called, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a stone road on French Avenue.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk on the east side of Hobart Street, commencing at Prospect Street and extending to the Abraham Lincoln School, and appropriate \$200 for the same.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the reconstruction of sidewalks.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 50 of the Revised Laws and the Amendments thereto, relative to betterments and other assessments on account of the cost of public improvement.

Charities.

Article 45. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Support of the Poor and the Maintenance of the Braintree Home.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under Chapter 763, Acts of the Year 1913.

Soldiers' Benefits.

Article 47. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of State Aid and Soldiers' Burials, Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief.

Education.

Article 48. To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Public Schools and for transporting pupils to and from the same.

Article 49. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for kalsomining the walls of the Penniman School and painting the exterior finish.

Article 50. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for adjustable seats in the Jonas Perkins, Penniman and the Abraham Lincoln Schools.

Article 51. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for lighting the Noah Torrey, Penniman and Jonas Perkins Schools.

Article 52. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of two lots of land adjoining the Jonas Perkins School.

Article 53. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for enlarging and altering the Pond School.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for additions and alterations to the Abraham Lincoln School.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to dispose of the Union School and land.

Library.

Article 56. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Thayer Public Library, for the Distribution of Books and for the services of a Janitor.

Recreation.

Article 57. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be expended upon the Parks, Playgrounds and Public Lands of the Town under the direction of the Park Commissioners.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on the Town Lands.

Unclassified.

Article 59. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Expenses.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to assist Post 87, G. A. R. in defraying expenses Memorial Day.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for insurance under the Employees' Compensation Act.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in accordance with Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1913, as a reserve fund for extraordinary expenditures.

Article 63. To see what action the Town will take to raise and appropriate \$500 for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C.

Electric Light Department.

Article 64. To see if the Town will appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department the sum of \$3,800.06 for the Depreciation Fund; the sum of \$660 for interest on bonds; the sum of \$430 for the Sinking Fund; the sum of \$1,391.94 for line extensions; and the sum of \$300 for the salaries of the Municipal Light Board.

Article 65. To see if the Town will appropriate the remainder of the income of the Electric Light Department, together with the remaining balance of the income for 1915, for operating expenses, repairs, renewals and new construction.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the street lights on West Street to the junction of Franklin and Granite Streets.

Water Department.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the extension of the water main on Union Street, from a point opposite the residence of Mr. Stever to Miss Poor's property and up Hillside Road.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the extension of the water main on Grove Street, from Plain Street to Liberty Street.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Water Department for the Extension of Mains.

Cemetery.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on the Plain Street Cemetery.

Interest. Municipal Indebtedness.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for

the payments due on the Municipal Indebtedness and for the payment of interest on Town Debt and on loans in anticipation of revenue.

Sinking Fund.

Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the Electric Light and Water Loan Sinking Funds.

Miscellaneous.

Article 73. To see what action the Town will take in regard to interest on unpaid Taxes in accordance with Section 21, Chapter 237, Acts of 1915.

Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 178, 179, 180 of Chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, relating to granting licenses for picnic groves, and regulating the use of same.

Article 75. To act upon the report of the Committee appointed to codify the By-Laws, and to make such By-Laws as the Town may deem necessary.

Article 76. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Braintree Board of Trade the use of some room in the Town Hall without charge.

Article 77. To see what action the Town will take as regarding Boating and Fishing on Sunset Lake.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three public places in each Precinct in said Town of Braintree, seven days at least before said sixth day of March, 1916, and by publishing the same once in the Braintree Observer-Reporter and Braintree Bee.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk before the twenty-ninth day of February, 1916.

Given under our hands at Braintree this first day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

HENRY M. STORM,
GEORGE H. HOLBROOK,
B. HERBERT WOODSUM,
Selectmen of Braintree

A true copy. Attest:

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, February 8, 1916.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purposes therein mentioned.

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF BRAINTREE

For the Year ending December 31, 1915

Printed by Order of the Town



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EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, 1915.

	Appropriations	Expended	Overdraft	Balance	Credits	Net Expenditure
Salaries	\$41,000.00					
Dog Tax	887.29					
School Fund	350.00					
Janitors		\$41,127.29		\$1,110.00	\$1.38	\$41,127.29
Text-Books and Supplies		4,890.00		60.00		4,890.00
Incidentals		3,214.35	455.10		478.81	3,190.00
Insurance on Buildings		845.94	45.94		12.83	833.11
Insurance on Boilers		499.92	146.22			499.92
Repairs and Incidentals		137.25				137.25
Fuel		1,617.12	617.12	11.27	43.86	1,573.26
Conveyance of Pupils		2,688.73				2,688.73
Repairs on Hollis School		2,460.00	760.00	18.75	424.17	2,035.83
Grading at Abraham Lincoln School		1,981.25		6.90		1,981.25
Completing Penniman School Hall		293.10				293.10
		300.00				300.00
Totals	\$59,237.49	\$60,054.95	\$2,024.38	\$1,206.92	\$961.05	\$59,549.74
Balance						
Balance						

Balance\$143.59

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Braintree:

The School Department herewith presents an accounting of its management of the public schools for the year ending 1915. The generosity and courtesy of the public towards the schools is gratefully acknowledged. The Department returns to the Town, over and above all expenses, the sum of \$143.59. The schools show a net gain of 82 pupils over the average membership of the last year. The fact of the increase in school population must be faced, and its future accommodations wisely planned.

Each year places new responsibility upon the Department. We must pay the tuition of those of our students who desire to attend the Quincy Trade School, the Quincy Part Time Industrial School, the Quincy Evening Industrial School, and the Boston Trade School, while the State is making increased demands that our buildings be arranged to meet its requirements for the protection of life and health.

The Committee offers the following recommendations for your consideration:—

1. That the mile limit on the transportation of pupils be abolished, substituting part time carrying in some places, with due consideration for the age and physical condition of the pupils applying for conveyance.

2. That the rooms in the Penniman School be whitened and the exterior finish painted.

3. That adjustable seats be placed in five rooms in the Jonas Perkins, one room in the Abraham Lincoln, and in two rooms in the Penniman Schools.

4. That lights be installed in all of the rooms in the Jonas Perkins, Penniman, and Noah Torrey Schools, as upon many occasions the rooms are too dark for study.

5. That the two vacant lots adjoining the Jonas Perkins School be purchased, to increase the playground privileges of that school.

In making this report, the Committee recognizes that justice to future as well as present pupils suggests the idea of ascertaining the help that the schools have rendered former graduates, and from this knowledge adjusting the courses of study to equalize the benefits to all classes of students. When these facts are ascertained, the real commercial worth of the education offered by our schools becomes apparent. The values thus found, which have been underestimated or overlooked by many, should be considered by one judging the progress and efforts of our teachers and superintendent in maintaining the object for which our schools was primarily established, namely, the laying of a substantial mental foundation upon which our pupils may complete their moral development, readily and securely build character, and continue their education beyond school life.

We present this thought from the Braintree School Report of 1896: "It has been said many times, and with much truth, that our system of education does not fit pupils for the necessary duties of life. To meet this want, a system of manual training has been introduced in some of the large cities with the intent of making up for the loss of the apprenticeship system. It is often a difficult thing for a boy to have the opportunity of learning a trade. We may not be in a position as a Town to accomplish much without large expenditures, but the fact of a need, and an attempt to fill it, ought to interest every parent."

Thirty years ago the School Board of Braintree was keenly cognizant that the loss of the apprenticeship system and the growth of diversified industry had left something to be supplied in the rounding out and development of our youth. This loss creates a demand upon society, that it should for its own future welfare—public education being its only way—provide, either by special schools, or by in-

cluding in the common schools instruction that should consider the manual worker. Thirty years ago many of our voters were men who in their childhood had no opportunities for book education, and overburdened, perhaps, with manual work on the farms or in the shops, determined that their children should not lack in this one respect,—a worthy conviction for any parent. But, “many a man has been hung on conviction,” and many a boy has lost success for want of proper training.

Academic education today furnishes nearly all that can be desired by those who are to provide for their livelihood by knowing things. But the common school education is by no means fair or sufficient for those who must procure their living by a knowledge of doing things. With rare exceptions, your School Committee have appealed to you for the recognition of this growing need in the education of our children. The introduction of manual training or pre-vocational training, cooking and sewing means money spent in the schools will be used for broadening the foundations of knowledge, that the boy or girl to whom the academic course does not appeal may learn, while the mind is most susceptible, certain elementary principles most needed in active life.

These basic principles and formulas being procured by leading instructors, while lacking, perhaps, the personal “knack” of a few masters, will admirably furnish our youth with a wider scope of practical knowledge than could possibly be obtained by the apprentice of a semi-successful business man.

The ballot vote of your Town at the November election was three to one in favor of a \$75,000 appropriation for a County Agricultural School—a purely vocational institution for a limited number of our students. This should indicate that the voters are prepared to vote favorably on the recommendations of your School Board that the much needed training be added to the present system of school work.

The Board unanimously recommends the following appropriations for the year 1916:

APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SUPPORT FOR THE YEAR 1916.

Salaries of teachers, Superintendent, and ex- penses of tuition pupils (not including dog tax and school fund)	\$43,670.00
Janitors	4,950.00
Text-books and supplies	3,000.00
Incidentals	1,000.00
Repairs and incidentals	1,500.00
Fuel	2,700.00
Conveyance of pupils	2,000.00
	\$58,820.00

JAMES E. FOLSOM,
A. M. BROOKS,
WILLIAM W. GALLAGHER,
CARRIE F. LORING,
FRANK A. REED,
BENJAMIN HAWES, Chairman.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee of the Town of Braintree:

Herewith is submitted for your approval, the report of the Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1915. This report is the thirty-first in the reports of the superintendents.

HIGH SCHOOL.

In the summer vacation, a typewriting room was made at the west end of the building by utilizing the teachers' room (no longer in use) and constructing a partition across the end of the hall. This was demanded by the increasing numbers entering the commercial department, for whom adequate facilities must be provided. The typewriters are now all in one room. This leaves the room formerly used for bookkeeping and typewriting free for bookkeeping, without the disturbing sounds from machines in operation.

According to the vote of your Committee, the study of Spanish was introduced in September. Twenty students, from all classes, have enrolled for the course.

No appropriation was available for the courses in cooking and sewing, referred to your Committee at the town meeting in March, 1915. However, through the courtesy of the Old Colony Gas Company, a slight beginning in the teaching of cooking has been made. The Gas Company installed a gas range in the old library room, and assigned a demonstrator for one day each week through the months of January, February and March to teach the elementary principles of cooking, and the most economical methods of buying for the home. But this is a beginning, and not an end in itself.

Training for the home life should be a necessary part in the education of every girl in our public schools. To give poise, to arouse interest, enthusiasm, and the pride that comes from conscious power to do things, courses in cooking and sewing, carefully planned, and placed under the special direction of a trained teacher, should be made a part of our regular instruction.

The plumbing in the chemical laboratory, that was always a source of trouble and expense, has been replaced by new open plumbing. The individual bowls, by a central trough, that not only corrects the defects of sanitation, but much facilitates the work of the students and instructor.

As in the report of last year, I would remind the public of our service bureau at the High School, and the really competent boys and girls that we have sent, and are sending, into business and industrial life.

The science department of the High School offers its services to the community in testing any article subject to qualitative analysis. It is pleasing to note that several of our merchants have taken advantage of the services of this department. The boys in the department have carried out thorough and comprehensive tests determining the supply of pure air in the various school rooms of the town.

The social science course has maintained its popularity.

The work has been developed this year by assigning topics for investigation, and whenever possible, speakers have been secured to address the classes upon some phase of the subject under discussion.

The introduction of the study of the events and of the literature of the day through current magazines is proving a splendid incentive to the minds of our pupils towards modern thought and action.

The Alumni Association, formed last year, has a large membership, and the interest of its members in the purposes and growth of the school, argues well for their appreciation of the time they spent there.

To meet the requirement of the State for increasing the teaching force of the High School, a teacher was added to the commercial department. This teacher also has charge of the writing in the grades, the afternoons being devoted to this supervision. By this arrangement the over-crowded schedules of three of our teachers have been relieved, while supervision of writing in the grades has been maintained with no loss of time assigned to the subject.

SIX-AND-SIX PLAN, AND THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

The emphasis of the year in educational thought has been placed upon the reorganization of the schools that better results may obtain through a more logical arrangement of the pupils' time during the twelve years of their school life. Dr. Claxton, Commissioner of Education of the United States, advocates the division of the twelve years into two equal periods of six years each—six years for the elementary, and six years for the high school.

It is argued that this division is demanded by the unrest of the pupils in Grades 7 and 8, with the consequent difficulty of control; that little real progress is made in these grades because the work is not adapted to the interests and the period of development of children between the ages of 12-14 years; that the traditional eight years of the elementary, and four years of the high school make too

abrupt a change for the pupil entering the high school, that this causes loss of time in adjustment and apathy towards the work of the school at the time when the State law permits him to go to work.

It is further argued that the six-and-six plan gives a better opportunity to differentiate the subjects for children between the ages of twelve and fourteen years, taking into account the individual differences that are perhaps more pronounced at this than at any other period of life. That a strong emphasis upon industrial and manual arts will keep the interests of the children in school, and will shape their work along the lines of their abilities, making the choice of a vocation easier, and the task of helping students to a right understanding of themselves simpler.

The plan insures continuance in school, because being in the high school building the children will desire to keep on until graduation. See Report Commissioner United States for 1914.

Dr. Snedden, Commissioner for this State, agrees in general with this plan, but thinks that a plan better adapted for Massachusetts would be a six-year program for the elementary school, the high school to maintain its present organization of four years, while a new type of school should be formed, to be known as the Intermediate School, the courses in this school to require from two to three years for completion, according to the qualifications of the pupils. For the most effective way of administering the intermediate school, Dr. Snedden urges the provision of a building especially devoted to children between the ages of twelve and fourteen. In this school a wide range of work should be offered, with especial emphasis upon manual, industrial and domestic arts, with bookkeeping, typewriting, elementary science, and foreign languages and English. (Report Commissioner Education, Massachusetts, 1914.)

Both plans are sane and logical, and have found general favor in educational theory and practise. One hundred and ninety-seven towns and cities are reported using these plans with most gratifying results.

In the near future the Town will need a new high school building. I commend to the thoughtful attention of your Committee and the townspeople the consideration of these methods of reorganization, that our children between the ages of twelve and fourteen may receive instruction better adapted to their individual ambitions, interests, and abilities.

The school halls have been used for the following purposes after school hours:

	High.	Hollis.	Jonas Perkins.	Penniman.	A. L.	Noah Torrey.
Lectures	8	2	7	3		7
Entertainments (concerts, etc.)	4	8	1	9	1	1
Society meetings (adult)	10	4	2	6		
Civic occasions, mass meetings, public discussions.....	1	2	2	2	2	2
Athletics, gymnastics, active games, or folk dancing	1			4	10	5
Clubs (social, athletic, etc.) or groups (musical, handicraft, etc.).....	1			2		10
Rooms open for quiet games, reading, or study				2		10
Dancing (social)		5	1	1		
Social occasions, parties, banquets, etc....		1		1		6

The broadening influences of the occasions upon which people meet together in the school halls cannot be overestimated. As time advances, and as the idea of the value of school buildings for community centers grows, the demand will be that they shall be kept open for community uses much longer than the traditional five hours a day. Our schoolhouses are so arranged that they readily offer themselves to nearly any form of municipal activity that might be desired by any group of persons, and they should be made the civic centers for all important projects in community life.

TEACHERS.

During the year teachers have resigned as follows: Frederick P. Goodritch, Ethel M. Kelley, Marion Howland, Bertha Lewis, Mildred Anderson, from the High School; Georgiana Kelley, Jenny Aitken, from the Abraham Lincoln

School; Mary White, Noah Torrey School; Elizabeth Elcock, Melvina Dean, from Jonas Perkins School; Marguerite Green, from the Hollis School.

Teachers appointed: High School, Daniel P. Willard, Mary Lynch, Mabel Havens, Marion Elliott, Grace D. Varney, Marie Brewster, Assistant in Commercial Department; Abraham Lincoln School, Celia Whelan, Magdalene McDuff; Noah Torrey School, Mabel Crowell; Jonas Perkins School, Helen Averill, Irma Killian; Hollis School, Katharine Denlinger.

The chief emphasis of the year in teachers' meetings has been placed upon the better adjustment of grade work, that the transition of pupils from one grade to another may not be marked and abrupt; methods of vitalizing, correlating, and motivating the work of the children's school life; the special study of the individual differences of children that the schools may offer something to each pupil as his ability and needs require.

The teachers have worked loyally and well, showing a fine esprit de corp, not only in the duties of the school, but in research work that should contribute to professional improvement and growth. Several of our teachers have taken advantage of the extension courses offered by the City of Boston and Harvard University.

RETARDATION OF PUPILS.

In April twenty-five students in Grade 8 were reported to the Superintendent as deficient in the work required for graduation from grammar schools. A special grade was formed for these students in the Hollis School. At the end of three weeks, ten of these students were sent back to their regular rooms with the recommendation that they be permitted to graduate if they kept up to the standard of work done in the special class. All received diplomas. In June it was recommended that five repeat the work of Grade 8, while ten were permitted to go to the High School for the Fall term, with the understanding that if their work was satisfactory they should be entitled to grammar school di-

plomas, and be continued as regular students in the school. Seven of these pupils have done the work as required. Three have been sent back to the grades.

It would be the part of wise economy if this individual attention could be started earlier in the grades. Some of our grades are too large for the real attention necessary to the advancement of our slower pupils, and while it is a matter of observation that children who seem slow in the lower grades may do the work of the upper grades, oftentimes many of our pupils escape the attention that would overcome their difficulties, and prevent their retardation.

It is very doubtful if retardation in many cases achieves its purpose. Repetition of a subject does not necessarily mean its successful passing at a second trial. It is the part of administration to try to prevent retardation, with the loss of spirit, ambition, and interest apparent in the work of many of the retarded pupils.

This year small groups of children, who for some reason, such as slowness or absence through sickness, are below their grades, are placed in charge of student teachers for special care and drill in the subjects in which they are deficient. It is upon the results of this work that I shall base a recommendation for your early consideration.

SOCIAL SERVICE OF STUDENTS.

In the Penniman District and in East Braintree, 250,000 nests of the tent caterpillars were destroyed by the pupils. During Clean-up Week the whole student body was much interested in the community idea of improving the appearance of the town, cheerfully giving their time, wherever their services were required. The High School Orchestra is willing to play at any civic meeting, while the High School Dramatic Society offers its services in furnishing entertainment for the aid of any worthy municipal project.

An exhibition of Folk Lore dancing and singing given by the pupils of the South Precinct, under the direction of Miss Shay, netted \$60.00. This sum has been placed in the

bank as the nucleus for obtaining money sufficient to purchase school playground apparatus.

HOME GARDENS.

The home garden project continues to grow in interest and in the results obtained. Last year the Grange appointed inspectors of home gardens; 200 gardens were visited by these inspectors, and many helpful hints given to the young gardeners. The following suggestion, made by Mr. Creed of the Grange, will be followed this coming season. Each child who has a garden will fill out a card with his name and address, the size of the garden in square feet, a list of the flowers and vegetables planted, and where the seeds were obtained.

Under the auspices of the Philergians, a very successful school fair, for home garden products was held in the Hollis School. The cup offered by the Grange at its Fair, for the best school exhibit, was won by the Noah Torrey School.

Two of our students, Esther Stewart and Carrol Holmes, of the Jonas Perkins School, won prizes at the Weymouth Fair by an exhibit of flowers and vegetables.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS.

The School Department gratefully acknowledges the following gifts to the schools.

A beautiful silk flag presented to the Hollis School by Mr. N. E. Hollis.

A curtain for the Hollis School stage, presented by the Parents' Association.

Bust of Abraham Lincoln, presented to the Braintree High School by the Class of 1915.

Portrait of Abraham Lincoln, presented to the Abraham Lincoln School by Mrs. Carrie F. Loring.

WRITING.

The Palmer method of writing continues to prove its worth as one of the best methods adapted for speed and legibility. Forty of our teachers have Palmer diplomas. Ten

have sixty or more drills accepted in preparation for the diplomas. Fifty-five of our pupils received the diploma last year, while 401 have had over twenty-five drills accepted as satisfactory. The vote of your Committee that the possession of a Palmer diploma should count as one point towards graduation from the High School, has encouraged many of our students who had seventy-five drills accepted in the grammar grades to complete the drills for the diploma.

CREDIT FOR OUTSIDE WORK.

Two hundred and forty-two of our pupils take lessons in vocal and instrumental music, under private instructors. This work is valuable, yet it takes from the time of the pupils for preparation of regular school studies. The school should recognize this work when it is done under duly qualified teachers, listed with the Superintendent of Schools. I recommend that 36 lessons taken in one year, certified to by accredited teachers, count as $\frac{1}{4}$ point toward graduation from the High School, but that in no case shall lessons thus taken count for more than one whole point for graduation. For this work in the grades I recommend that 3% be added to the average rank of the student. In many places the fullest recognition of home work of a definite nature has brought about a splendid co-operation between the home and the school. A number of our students have work at home that encroaches somewhat upon the time of the school. A recognition of this work should be made a part of our school policy.

COST OF OUR SCHOOLS—A COMPARISON.

It is interesting to compare the cost of the various items in the school budget with the appropriations for these items in previous years.

In the year 1894, 28% of the total tax levy was spent for the running expenses of the public schools. In 1915, 30.6% of the tax levy was expended for the same purposes. It is worth while to note that in the intervening time the wealth of the town has increased 2.1 times, the value of

school properties 2.57 times, the school population 2.24 times.

It is frequently suggested that considerable money might be saved in the amounts appropriated for text-books and supplies, incidentals, and repairs and incidentals. The average per capita cost upon these items reckoned upon money raised by taxation was for twenty-one years—1894-1914—as follows:

	Text Books and Supplies.	Incidentals.	Repairs and Incidentals.
1894-1914	1.62	.49	.89
1915	1.54	.44	.555

In cities and towns of 5,000-10,000 people in the United States, the average per capita cost for text-books and supplies in the high and elementary schools was as follows:

	Text-Books.	HIGH. Supplies.	ELEMENTARY. Text-Books.	Supplies.
	2.38	2.52	.96	1.16
Braintree, 1915 ...	1.50	2.14	.64	.74

The cost of the schools has been and always should be a matter of concern to the tax payers. In 1751 we find this report upon the amount of money expended for the support of the Boston Public Schools:

“The charge of supporting the several Public Schools amounted the last year to more than 1/3 part of the whole sum drawn by the Selectmen.” “Altho this charge is very considerable, and the number of schools is greater than the law requires, yet, as the education of children is of the greatest importance to the Community, The Committee cannot be of the opinion that any saving can be made to advantage on that head.” Part I, Boston School Inquiry.

	Running Expenses.	All Expenses Building, Etc.
Per capita charge State	39.13	49.54
Per capita charge Braintree	32.29	37.73

As industries diversify and life becomes more complex, the problems of the schools, as fitting and developing places for life work become more difficult. The fads and fancies of yesterday are the necessities of today. Manual training and domestic arts not needed in the schools of fifty years ago, are today imperatively demanded. Our needs are those of every other community that is trying to give the best to the children for whose education it is responsible.

We need, in addition to the courses already offered in our schools, courses in industrial and domestic arts in the upper grades and the High School, that the children who are now engaged in the receptive process may be given opportunity for expression through constructive work, and may reinforce their purely academic teaching with concrete illustration. We cannot go back, we must go forward, and it is only as the awakened civic and social consciousness of our people responds to these demands that progress can be assured. The broadened vision of the tomorrow, for which we are educating our children, should be the goal and ideal in all of our educational thought.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. WIGGIN,

Superintendent Schools.

STATISTICS.

School Census, September, 1915.

Number of boys between ages 5 and 7	270
Number of girls between ages 5 and 7	282
Number of boys between the ages 7 and 14	639
Number of girls between the ages 7 and 14	582
Number of boys between the ages 14 and 16	97
Number of girls between the ages 14 and 16 ...	130
Number of illiterates between ages 16 and 21 ..	5
Number of boys between the ages 5 and 16	1012
Number of girls between the ages 5 and 16	933

Average membership, for the year 1915	1788
Average attendance for the year 1915	1666
Per cent. of attendance for the year 1915	93
Aggregate enrollment for the year 1915	2031
Number of regular teachers, 1915	54
Number of special teachers, 1915	2
Number of school buildings in use	9
Number of school rooms occupied	44
Number of pupils graduating from grammar schools June, 1915	116
Number of the above entering the High School	94
Total net expenditures for the support of the schools	\$59,549.74
Amount raised by taxation	\$57,740.95
Expenditure per pupil, based upon the average membership 1915	32.29
Expenditure per pupil, average membership 1914	32.66

Result of Eye and Ear Tests.

Whole number of pupils examined	1706
Number defective in vision	151
Number defective in hearing	22
Number of parents notified	106
Number of cases treated from school notification:	
Eyes	10
Ears	5
Number fitted to glasses	

Report of Attendance Officer.

Number of cases of non-attendance investigated	99
Number of families visited	68
Number of families visited two or more times ..	21
Number of children returned to school	12
Number of court cases	0
Truants	5

Employment Certificates.

Number of certificates issued to minors between the ages 16 to 21	228
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Number of certificates issued to minors between the ages 14 to 16	104
Number of home employment certificates issued	3
Number of certificates issued to illiterate minors	5
Special permits issued while investigating proof of age	8

Preparation of Teachers.

College graduates	8
Attended college without graduating	1
Normal school graduates	27
Attended Normal school without graduating ...	3
Kindergarten training school graduates	8
High School graduates	8
Graduates special schools	3

Amounts Paid for the Retirement of School Bonds.

Hollis School	\$3,500.00
Abraham Lincoln School	\$2,000.00

Interest Paid on School Indebtedness.

Abraham Lincoln School	\$315.00
Hollis School	\$2,110.00

School Indebtedness.

Hollis School	\$51,000.00
Abraham Lincoln School	\$8,000.00

DISEASES REPORTED IN THE SCHOOLS, YEAR 1915.

Diseases	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Diphtheria		1			2		2	1	1		7
Scarlet Fever	1				2			5			8
Mumps									1		1
Measles	1		23	66	25			1		1	117
Whooping Cough							4	1	1	1	7
Tuberculosis			2							1	3
Chicken Pox		5	6	1		1					13
Typhoid Fever					1						1
Cerebrospinal Meningitis					1						1

SCHOOL DEPOSITS FOR 1915.

	Jan. 1, 1915 Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals and Transfers	Withdrawals for Deposits	Balance Jan. 1, 1916
A. Lincoln	\$74.71	\$441.65	\$29.49	\$327.00	\$159.87
Hollis	178.30	431.79	15.82	328.00	266.27
J. Perkins	132.62	437.94	46.07	295.00	229.49
Noah Torrey	110.43	233.51	11.34	188.00	144.60
Penniman	94.04	368.69	3.51	274.00	185.22
Pond	105.47	207.55	14.28	175.00	123.74
South	2.83	4.04	.12	2.00	4.75
South West	8.81	20.45	1.76	20.00	7.50
	\$707.21	\$2,145.62	\$122.39	\$1,609.00	\$1,121.44

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL POPULATION.

Based on Average Membership, December, 1915.

Grades	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
High										95	65	42	33	235
Hollis	33	43	37	41	41	42	40	33	37					347
Jonas Perkins	20	34	38	35	21	46	65	49	35					353
Abraham Lincoln	27	33	33	26	33	32	9							193
Noah Torrey				67	71	75	54	48	40					355
Pond	36	58	65											159
Penniman	16	18	21	17	18	19	21	16	24					170
Southwest	0	23	16											39
South	0	6	4	2										12
Totals	132	212	214	188	194	214	189	146	136	95	65	42	33	1863

**MANUAL OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BRAINTREE,
MASS., FOR SCHOOL YEAR SEPTEMBER 8, 1915-1916.**

School Committee.

Benj. Hawes, Chairman, 516 Middle Street, East Braintree.

Francis A. Reed, 14 Thayer Avenue, South Braintree.

Mrs. A. M. Brooks, 124 Franklin Street, South Braintree.

James E. Folsom, 49 Mt. Vernon Street, Braintree.

Mrs. Carrie F. Loring, 110 Front Street, East Braintree.

William W. Gallagher, 43 Maple Street, Braintree.

Superintendent.

R. L. Wiggin, 104 Academy Street, South Braintree, Telephone 273-4.

Office Hours: On school days except Thursdays, from 8 to 9 a.m., in the Town House. Tel. 57-W.

Meetings of Committee.

Second Monday evening of each month at seven-fifteen o'clock at the Town House, Washington Street, Braintree.

Schools in Session.

Sept. 8 to Dec. 23, 1915; Jan. 3, 1916, to March 24, 1916;
April 3, 1916, to June 22, 1916.

Daily School Sessions.

Oct. 12, Thanksgiving, 1915; Feb. 22, April 19, May 30, 1916.

High, 8.20 a.m. to 1.10 p.m.

Hollis, 9 to 12 a.m. 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

Jonas Perkins, 9 to 12 a.m. 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

Noah Torrey, 9 to 12 a.m. 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

Penniman, 9 to 12 a.m. 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

Pond, 9 to 12 a.m. 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

Southwest, 9 to 11.45 a.m. 1.15 to 3.30 p.m.

South School, 9 to 11.45 a.m. 1.15 to 3.30 p.m.

The Abraham Lincoln, 9 to 12 a.m. 1.30 to 3.30 p.m

Storm Signals.

High, Grammar and Primary.

On very stormy days there will be no session of the Public Schools. If there is to be no morning session, the signal 3-3-3 will be sounded on the fire alarm at 7.30 a.m. If the weather clears, there will be an afternoon session. In case of continued storm or very bad walking, there will be no afternoon session. This will be announced by 3-3-3 at 11.30 a.m.

For no school in Grades A-4 inclusive, signal at 8 o'clock and 12.30.

Tuition of Non-Resident Students.

High School, \$1 a week; Grades 5 to 8, 75 cents a week; Grades A and 1 to 4, 50 cents a week.

Non-resident students will not be admitted to any school without the written permission of the Superintendent.

Janitors.

High School, John H. Macandrew, 54 West Street.

Jonas Perkins, Ed. C. Holyoke, 24 Liberty Street.

Noah Torrey, F. F. Tupper, Central Avenue.

Penniman, Omer Hollis, Union Street.

Pond, A. R. French, Franklin Street.

Southwest, N. E. Hayden.

South, Frederick Phinney.

The Abraham Lincoln, Edwin P. Brooks, 92 Front Street.

Hollis School, Frank Drake, 36 Central Avenue.

Attendance Officer.

Jeremiah F. Gallivan, 37 River St., Braintree. Tel. 387-W.

GRADUATING EXERCISES, BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Town Hall, Wednesday Evening, June 16, 1915, 8 p.m.

Programme.

1. Selection—"Prince Imperial March" C. E. Duple
High School Orchestra
2. Song—"The Angel's Serenade" Braga
Girls' Chorus Violin Obligato
3. Salutatory with Essay—
"The Future of The American Girl"
Marguerite Alette Chell
4. Violoncello Selection—"Lied ohne Worte" Pester
Alfred Augustus Ellsworth
5. Essay—
"A New Slogan for the United States—Conservation"
George Whitmarsh
6. Reading—"Tom Sawyer's Love Affair" Mark Twain
Florence Gertrude Hogan
7. Song—"The Old Folks Medley" W. C. Sheridan
Mixed Chorus
8. Burning of the Piano Mortgage
George Thomas Dalton
9. Presentation of Class Gift
Mabell Florence Campbell
10. Essay with Valedictory—"The Road to Efficiency"
Alfred William Hough
11. Song—"Forget-Me-Not" M. Giese
Mixed Chorus
12. Presentation of Class to Chairman of School Committee
by Class President, Robert Joseph Reardon. Presenta-
tion of Diplomas, Medals and Civil Service Essay Prize
by Mr. Benjamin Hawes, Chairman of School Com-
mittee.

Graduates.

Hazel Irene Barrett	Ida Norma Beckwith
Horace Francis Burgess	George Irving Calloway
Mabell Florence Campbell	Florence Lucille Chandler
Marguerite Alette Chell *	Carroll Frederic Daiute
George Thomas Dalton	Madeline Elizabeth Dennehy
Catherine Eleanor Donnelly	Winifred Ruth Drinkwater
Mary Gertrude Dyer	Alfred Augustus Ellsworth
Rose Dorothy Frazier	Victoria Helen Frasier
Mary Edna Hogan	Florence Gertrude Hogan
Alfred William Hough*	Stephen Joseph Levangie
Elsie Elizabeth Norris	Charles Catlin Partridge
Esther Frances Salls	Robert Joseph Reardon
Agnes Marguerite Rourke	Alice Lee Sullivan
Catharine A. Taylor	Dorris Hudson Wade
George Whitmarsh	Florence I. L. Gaudreau

* Both received the same rank for four years.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Appointed at the last Town Meeting by the following motion,—

Voted, That a committee of nine, consisting of four women and five men, be appointed to investigate the entire school system of the town, including conditions of buildings, and report to the Town in print not later than February 1, 1916.

CONDITION OF BUILDINGS.

Pond School. Floors are worn out. Walls, woodwork and toilets are in a disgusting condition, and the odors incidental to the burning of the excrement are an offense to the neighborhood. Something radical must be done.

High School. In several of the smaller rooms, where storm windows have been put on, the supply of fresh air is obviously insufficient.

As this is a three-story wooden building it is vitally important that every possible protection against fire be afforded the pupils and teachers. The two flights of stairs at opposite ends of the building offer ample egress, but the under sides of the stairs are exposed in the basement, and the ceiling below the corridor and vestibule is protected only by plaster on wooden lath. The soffits of the stairs in the basement should be plastered on metal lath with Portland cement mortar containing an amount of lime not greater than the amount of Portland cement used. The portions of the basement under the vestibule and under the corridor between the stairs and the vestibule should either be separated from the rest of the basement, particularly the boiler room, by fire resistant partitions and fire doors, or the ceiling of that portion should be plastered as recommended for the soffits.

The present fire alarm system consists of three single-stroke gongs in the first and second stories and the Assembly Hall in the third story. Additional safety should be obtained by the installation of an auxiliary alarm bell operated automatically from one or more thermostats lo-

cated in the basement. The desirability of installing the automatic alarm depends on the uncertainty of the presence of any one to give the alarm in case of fire in the basement, which might not be discovered by persons in the upper stories until it had progressed sufficiently to endanger the exits.

Penniman School. To prevent smoke from a possible fire in the basement from interfering with the orderly egress of the occupants, the doors leading to the basement, which are located close to the main entrance doors of the building, should be kept closed at all times by means of springs, and should not be held open by block or catch.

Jonas Perkins School. The school rooms on the second story are connected by inter-communicating doors, and one of the rooms near the middle of the building is provided with an outside fire-escape. The third story, however, is served only by the two stairways, which are not located sufficiently far apart. A fire in the basement or first floor which penetrated to one of the stair-wells would fill the corridor with smoke, and with the stairways so close together the smoke might be easily communicated to the other stairway through the corridor. Persons on the second floor could use the fire-escape, but those on the third floor might experience great difficulty in making their way down the smoke-filled stairs. Your committee recommends that a wooden partition with double-leaf, double-swing doors be constructed across the first and second floor corridors at the center of the building, extending from floor to ceiling. Smoke in one stairway would thus be excluded from the other, and the chance that both stairways would be out of commission at the same time would be remote. The doors should be hung on spring-hinges and have glass panels to enable persons approaching from opposite sides to see each other. If the partitions are not installed, the outside fire-escape should be extended to the top floor. The outside steps from the first floor to the ground are too steep for safety and without hand-rails. These should be rebuilt with less inclination and supplied with hand-rails.

A circular letter from the office of the Fire Prevention Commissioner of Massachusetts contains the following: "Children of the second grade and under should not be housed above the first floor." The Kindergarten in the Jonas Perkins School is now located on the second floor, and should be removed at once to the ground floor.

Hollis School. Your committee has heard much of the poor ventilation in this school. An elaborate system is installed, but the difficulty seems to be that, when sufficient ventilation is secured, the heat is excessive. Your committee suggests that an additional conduit be installed which will carry cold air directly into the blower room without passing over the steam-heated pipes. By regulating the relative quantities of heated and cold air, a mixture will be secured which can be circulated in sufficient volume to secure proper ventilation without overheating.

Southwest School. This is a one room building, heated by a large stove located in the room midway between the two front entrance doors. A rear door opens into a tiny shed, from which another door leads outside. The second door opens inward and is secured by two rusty bolts. Safety requires that this door be hung to open outward and that the bolts be replaced by a catch which may be disengaged easily at all times. The outside toilets are in poor condition and inadequate for the needs of the fifty pupils who overcrowd the room. Storm windows with ventilating openings should be supplied for the north side, as on cold days the heat deserts that part of the room, to the discomfort of many of the children.

The committee desires to express its appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered in the examination of buildings by Mr. J. R. Nichols, Assoc. M. Am. Soc. C. E.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your committee has carefully considered the condition of buildings with reference to fire hazard and feels that its recommendations are conservative and necessary for safety.

While the automatic alarm has been recommended for the High School only, the low cost of installation, compared with the additional safety secured, makes it well worthy of consideration for installation in other schools of the town.

Your committee urges that the old non-adjustable desks and chairs which are still in use in several rooms of our schools, be replaced at once by those of the modern adjustable type.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT.

To correct a statement which has obtained considerable standing, that "members of the School Committee have been unfaithful in attendance at their meetings," your committee examined the records for the last two years and found that no individual member of the school board has been absent more than two out of ten meetings during either of these years.

The established precedent of having the Superintendent of Schools act as the recording secretary of the School Committee, is one which should be discontinued. It is important that the board should be in close touch with its Superintendent. It is equally important that it should retain a separate entity.

TEACHERS.

A comparison of the present salaries of teachers in Braintree schools with those of other towns in Massachusetts similar in size shows that our present schedule is better than the average.

Your committee feels confident that when the citizens of Braintree raised the maximum for grade teachers to \$700, they felt that this would mean that the services of more efficient teachers would be secured and retained. This has not been accomplished, because the increase until the maximum is reached has been made too automatically, and not with sufficient reference to the comparative merits of the teachers.

Teachers whose services do not warrant an increase should be replaced by more efficient teachers.

ADMINISTRATION.

The rules for promotion made by the School Committee on May 9, 1907, are not enforced. Scholars are passed from one grade to another before they are properly prepared, thus doing an injustice to the pupils and placing an unjust burden upon the succeeding teacher.

More attention should be paid to the faithful but less brilliant scholars, particularly through cooperation between teacher and parent.

The committee endorses the recommendation of many parents that the problem of two grades in one room should receive the special attention of the school committee, as no teacher can do justice to more than one grade.

DISTRICT LINES.

District Lines should be more strictly maintained. Too many children are now attending school outside their district without sufficient reason.

The present excessive cost of \$2000 per year for transporting pupils is constantly increasing, and a large portion could be saved by the exercise of a reasonable discrimination. Two-thirds of this amount is spent for barges which are over-crowded, and it would be far more healthful for many pupils to walk.

CONCLUSION.

There is considerable criticism of the School Board, yet when vacancies occur no concerted effort is made by parents or members of school associations to see that the best possible candidates are selected and urged to accept nominations.

There is much criticism of the Superintendent, but who takes pains to see that it reaches the School Committee, which is responsible for his being at the head of our schools?

Criticism of school teachers flows through the channels of neighborhood gossip, but how often do parents visit schools and have frank talks with the teachers of their children?

The crying need of the school situation is **more hearty cooperation among all concerned.**

The schools of Braintree are not all that they should be, and there is doubtless much room for improvement even within the limits of present appropriations. But what is needed most is that parents shall realize that the problem is peculiarly their own, and that the power to get anything that they feel is needed and that they are willing to pay for, lies in their hands and may be obtained by constructive effort and their votes at the caucus and at the polls.

E. M. ALEXANDER,

H. F. ARNOLD,

ELLA M. EDSON,

F. C. FOLSOM,

Chairman,

ELLA V. GALLAGHER,

ARTHUR L. HALE,

ETHEL B. HAYWARD,

R. S. HUBBARD,

MIRIAM B. PATTEN.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Water Commissioners
AND
Commissioners of Sinking Fund
OF THE
TOWN OF BRAINTREE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915

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ORGANIZATION.

**Report of Water Commissioners and Commissioners of the
Sinking Fund for the Year 1915.**

HON, JAMES T. STEVENS, Chairman

JOHN KELLEY

WILLIAM C. HARRISON

BENJAMIN F. DYER, Treasurer

WILLIAM E. MAYBURY, Superintendent

W. L. GAGE, Secretary and Collector

JOHN W. MULCAHY, Engineer

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS AND COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND

In accordance with Art. 2, Section 2, of the By-Laws, there is herewith submitted the annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners, together with a report of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the year expiring Dec. 31, 1915.

In accordance with a vote of the Town at the annual meeting in March, 1914, the rent of two dollars per year for water meters was eliminated beginning with Jan. 1, 1915. This has reduced the tax on consumers something over \$4000, and it was hoped would have a tendency to bring about a more prompt settlement of water bills, but such appears not to have been the effect. Rule No. 20 of the Water Department Rules and Regulations, authorized by vote of the Town, is printed on the reverse side of every bill rendered, and yet many consumers allow their bills to lap over from one quarter to another, entailing extra work making duplicate bills and an additional expense to the Department of no small amount for postage. The Commissioners dislike very much to have to use threats to enforce the payment of water bills, and they trust that in the future consumers will pay more prompt attention to the payment of their water bills when due. The Department desires to keep its own credit good by meeting all obligations when due, and can do so only by receiving prompt returns after bills are rendered, as we depend solely on our revenue from consumers for operating expenses.

At the annual meeting in 1913 this Board caused to be inserted in the Warrant, Article No. 55, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Water Department for the extension of mains in streets on private property under development, or to instruct the Water Department relative

to what action the Department shall take on applications for such extensions." The Town voted on this article of the Warrant to refer the whole matter to the Water Commissioners, and no appropriation was made. The Board is of the opinion an action for trespass would hold against the Town for entering upon and digging up streets on private land, and has demanded under any such conditions a written guarantee releasing the Town from any and all liability. On April 1, 1915, Mr. George H. Hatchard made formal application for an extension of the water mains on Holmes Street and Fairfield Street, at Washington Park, so-called, in Precinct 2, and the matter was taken under advisement by this Board. On April 8, 1915, a communication was sent Mr. Hatchard advising him that after an examination of the premises by our Superintendent, we were of the opinion that the work would entail an expense of about \$1000, and that we had not sufficient funds available to meet so large an outlay, but if he, Mr. Hatchard, would guarantee the Water Department one-half the actual expense when completed we would undertake the work. Mr. Hatchard came before the Board at a meeting held May 3, 1915, and the matter was discussed, and on May 4, 1915, we again wrote Mr. Hatchard, holding to our position as stated to him in our letter of April 8, 1915. On May 10, 1915, Mr. Hatchard addressed a letter to the Board, of which the following is a copy:

Allerton, Mass., May 10, 1915.

Braintree Water Department,
Braintree, Mass.

Gentlemen: I herewith accept your proposition of May 4 to pay one-half of the expenses of extension of water pipes on Washington Park; the cost of laying same not to exceed 75 cents per foot.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

GEORGE H. HATCHARD.

It was uncertain whether or not the work could be completed for 75 cents per foot, and we wrote Mr. Hatchard on May 10, 1915, stating we would hold to our original proposition of assuming one-half of the actual cost, be it 75 cents per foot, more or less. While awaiting a reply to our letter from Mr. Hatchard, the matter was taken out of our hands by action of a special Town Meeting held June 4, 1915. Under Art. 2 of the Warrant for said special meeting, "To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the extension of water mains," it was voted on petition of Mr. E. E. Abercrombie and others that if Mr. Hatchard will furnish proper grades and build complete, acceptable to the Town, Holmes and Fairfield Streets as laid out on plan of land divided into house lots and known as Washington Park, located in Precinct 2, and also lay a 6-inch water main 645 feet on Holmes Street and 340 feet on Fairfield Street with a hydrant connected at the ends of each line, the same to be installed under the direction of and satisfactory to the Board of Water Commissioners, that the Town will reimburse Mr. Hatchard for installing said water mains when said streets are accepted by the Town. If this matter had been left with the Board, as we believe it properly should have been, the Town would have been saved an outlay of some five hundred dollars.

At the annual meeting in 1915 the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4000 to extend the water main on Liberty Street from Holbrook line to the house of S. F. Hawes, and on June 4, 1915, at a special meeting it was voted to extend the water mains on Liberty Street from near the house of William Buker to a point near the house of Otto W. Schrader, and \$5000 was borrowed on two notes of the Town for that purpose. In accordance with these votes, the Water Board prepared plans and specifications, and advertised for bids, to be submitted on or before August 21, 1915. The Board met on that date to open and consider the bids submitted. There were ten bidders and representatives were present from each bidder. The bids were opened and

read by the Secretary in the presence of the Commissioners and the several bidders, and were taken under consideration. The Henry Spinach Construction Co. was the lowest bidder, at \$8,500 for both jobs, but on being advised of its acceptance, Mr. Spinach claimed a misunderstanding and desired to withdraw his bid and was allowed to do so. The next lowest bid was from Mr. Hamilton Flood at \$9,400. This was \$400 above the appropriation, but the Board after careful consideration thought wise to assume the payment of the extra \$400 from the revenue of the Department, and awarded the contract to Mr. Flood at \$9,400. The work has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and to the satisfaction of the Commissioners.

The rapid growth of the work in the Water Department has forced upon us the necessity of providing more rapid transit about Town, and with that end in view we have purchased an auto truck and contemplate in the near future the purchase of a smaller car for use of meter readers and repair men, eventually doing away entirely with horse-drawn vehicles. The economy of this may well be seen by referring to the large expenditure of money for stable expenses and team hire. A garage on modern lines is now in process of construction near the Little Pond Station for the housing of the cars. We believe this will eventually result in a substantial saving to the Department.

Early in October the Treasurer of the Board and of the Sinking Funds, Mr. Benj. F. Dyer, was stricken with an illness that made it necessary for him to relinquish his duties, and Mr. Otis B. Oakman having been appointed to the position of Town Treasurer pro tem., he was elected as Treasurer pro tem. of the Water Board and Sinking Funds. In the interest of both of these gentlemen, the Sinking Fund Commissioners thought it wise that an audit of the funds by a certified accountant be made, and accordingly the Board employed Mr. Herbert S. Child, expert municipal accountant, and there follows a complete summary of his report. The full details are very complete and satisfactory. They are, however, so voluminous it would be impracticable to

print them in full, but the report is on file at the office of the Commissioners, and open at all times for the inspection of the public.

TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

To the Sinking Fund Commissioners,

Gentlemen: In accordance with your instructions I have examined the securities at the Security Vaults, Boston, and find them as reported by the Town Treasurer, and have listed them in detail. I have also examined the Savings Bank Book and have verified the totals as reported and have listed them. The four funds, namely, the Water Loans of 1888, 1891 and 1896, and the Municipal Lighting Loan of 1893 have all been examined and found correct.

I have also examined the records kept by the Town Treasurers of these funds from the date they were established to January 1, 1916, and have tabulated the amounts of the funds reported annually, and have checked the income and expenses and tabulated these amounts. See Tables.

Securities purchased prior to 1900 were listed at the purchase amount, regardless of whether they were bought above, below or at their par value. This, of course, placed a value above par on some of the securities which was not a correct figure. In the year 1900 all securities that had been listed above par were listed at their par value, but those bought below par were listed still at the amounts for which they were purchased, and this custom is still in force.

If the amounts at which they are reported, represented their value if disposed of before maturity, it would, to my mind, be the proper way, but with a continuous change in values of the bond held, and even those which were bought at their par value, the only reasonable way, it would seem, would be to list all the securities at their par value. Although I am not positive, I presume the reason for reporting securities at their purchase price by your Town Treasurer was, because when a bond is purchased below par and listed at par you do not actually receive any money to be credited to the fund to make up the difference between the amount

paid and the par value of the security. These amounts could have been shown as discounts on securities purchased in his annual statement, and then your securities could all be listed at their par value.

All four of the funds show a steady increase from year to year, and there does not seem to be any question of a doubt but what they all will reach an amount in excess of the loan at their maturity date, with the same efficient management. All of the securities, at the time they were purchased, were good investments, but the railroad bonds of today are of uncertain and changeable values.

There are at the present time approximately \$48,000.00 worth of railroad bonds whose maturity dates are later than the maturity dates of the Sinking Fund, and these will have to be disposed of in the next five years at least. Their maturity dates vary from 1925 to 1956.

**Water Loan of 1888—Due January 1, 1918,
\$100,000.00.**

The value of this fund on January 1, 1916, with the securities listed at par value, amounts to \$100,369.15. Of this amount \$87,000.00 is represented by securities, and the balance is cash in Savings Banks. Of the \$87,000.00 in securities, \$17,000.00 mature prior to 1918, \$40,000.00 consists of the Water Loan Bonds which were issued when the fund was established, and \$30,000.00 does not mature until after the loan is due. This necessitates the changing of these \$30,000.00 worth of bonds with the other funds, or disposing of them in some manner. There are \$14,000.00 worth of bonds of the 1918 maturity in the Sinking Fund of 1921, which to my mind should be exchanged for an equal value of securities in the 1918 fund, leaving \$16,000.00 to be disposed of. These could be exchanged for securities of other funds which are now held, or will be purchased, so that it will not be necessary to sell any bonds at a discount prior to 1918. The income of this fund for 1915, not including the Town's appropriation, was over \$3,800.00. With this amount of income for the next two years, the fund will amount to

over \$108,000.00, and if securities had to be sold below par the loss surely would not equal \$8,000.00. I do not consider it necessary for the Town to make any further appropriation to this fund.

Water Loan of 1891—Due June 1, 1921. \$150,000.00.

The amount of this fund on January 1, 1916, with all securities listed at par value is \$117,908.08. Of this amount, \$110,500.00 is in securities and the balance is in cash, deposited in Savings Banks. Of the \$110,500.00 in securities, \$27,500.00 matures before the maturity date of the fund, \$55,000.00 represents bonds of the loan, and \$28,000.00 does not mature until after the fund is payable. With the exchanges suggested in the fund of 1918 maturity, I figure there would be about \$50,000.00 worth of securities that would have to be disposed of, providing any further purchase of securities does not include any bonds which will mature after 1921. The income of this fund in 1915 was over \$4,400.00, not including the town appropriation. With this income each year, and which increases every year, the increase will exceed \$25,000.00, and with an appropriation of \$2,000.00 annually the fund at maturity should be able to withstand a loss on securities sold below the par value.

Water Loan of 1896—Due August 1, 1926. \$6000.00.

The amount of this fund on January 1, 1916, was \$3,359.85, of which \$1,000.00 is a Water Bond of 1921 maturity, and \$2,359.85 is on deposit in Savings Banks. The income of this fund for 1915 was \$129.43 and the Town appropriation \$120.00. With a steadily increasing income and the same appropriation, there is no question but what the \$6,000.00 will be available at maturity.

**Municipal Lighting Loan of 1893—Due April 5, 1917.
\$16,500.00.**

The amount of this fund on January 1, 1916, was \$14,886.91 with the securities listed at par value. Of this amount, \$4,000.00 is securities and \$10,886.91 is on deposit in the Savings Banks. The \$16,500.00 in bonds which the

town issued for this loan, are held in the Sinking Fund of 1918 and 1921 maturity, so all that will be necessary will be to consolidate this fund with the funds where the bonds are held. With the appropriation of \$430.00 for 1916 and 1917 and the accrued interest on securities and deposits, this fund will meet its requirement at maturity.

The Town of Braintree is fortunate in having had such efficient management of their Sinking Funds, and with the same continued efficiency they will meet all the requirements when due.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. CHILD,
Expert Municipal Accountant.

All of the above is respectfully submitted for the careful consideration of the citizens of the Town. There follows the reports of the Treasurer, Registrar, Collector and Superintendent.

JAMES T. STEVENS,
JOHN KELLEY,
WILLIAM C. HARRISON,
Water Commissioners
and
Commissioners of Sinking Fund
of the Town of Braintree.

MAINTENANCE.

Electric Express	\$2.65
Adams Express	2.38
W. A. Torrey	3.60
George H. Holbrook	6.15
J. F. Burke & Co.	10.00
Thomas Groom & Co.	8.40
G. W. Prescott Pub. Co.	33.00
Hill, Smith & Co.	27.66
Pratt & Pratt	50.50

Randolph Water Works Co.	112.06	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	116.32	
Moses T. Dyer	3.26	
W. F. Murray, Postmaster	193.30	
Hartley L. White	38.55	
W. L. Gage	1,040.00	
W. L. Gage, sundry cash expenses ..	24.60	
James T. Stevens	100.00	
John Kelley	100.00	
William C. Harrison	100.00	
Pay of men as per pay roll	514.75	
		<hr/> \$2,487.18

LITTLE POND STATION.

J. F. Sheppard & Sons, Inc.	\$81.66	
Braintree Electric Light Co.	4.80	
Curry Brothers Oil Co.	12.54	
C. H. Hobart	3.71	
Pay of men as per pay roll	6.00	
		<hr/> \$108.71

GREAT POND STATION.

Curry Bros. Oil Co.	\$90.24	
Crosby Steam Gage & Valve Co.	10.00	
Standard Oil Co.	4.00	
R. A. Gage	4.25	
C. H. Hobart	20.35	
M. A. Haskell & Co.	3.17	
Crandall Packing Co.	21.46	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	66.31	
Lunkenheiner Co.	4.01	
F. H. Hayes Machinery Co.	151.75	
Garlock Packing Co.	62.29	
H. W. Johns Manville Co.	6.38	
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	25.13	
American Tool and Machine Co.	2.50	
L. Pizzella	4.80	
A. W. Chesterton Co.	30.92	

Braintree Electric Light Co.	59.00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, Inc.	1,672.59	
Pay of men as per pay roll	65.50	
Pay of Engineers (day and night) ...	2,002.80	
	<hr/>	\$4,307.45

REBUILDING KING HILL ROAD.

Pay of men as per pay roll	\$112.50	
	<hr/>	\$112.50

SERVICE WORK OUTSIDE STREET LINES.

Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	\$7.55	
R. A. Gage	14.18	
Edward Shay	4.70	
Electric Express	1.45	
Adams Express	5.71	
Alfred McGlone	1.25	
F. L. Chandler	5.48	
Woodsum Coal Co.	11.64	
Tenney Morse & Co.	86.96	
W. I. Jordan	16.50	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co.	69.27	
Chadwick Boston Lead Co.	339.06	
Walworth Mfg. Co.	234.76	
Pay of men as per pay roll	1,464.68	
	<hr/>	\$2,263.19

SERVICE WORK IN STREETS.

Thomas South	\$1.25	
Standard Oil Co.	4.55	
Woodsum Coal Co.	2.51	
Rhines Lumber Co. ....	.98	
R. A. Gage	12.28	
Walworth Mfg. Co.	73.60	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co.	203.68	
Chadwick Boston Lead Co.	286.66	
Pay of men as per pay roll	764.75	
	<hr/>	\$1,350.26

SERVICE REPAIRS IN STREETS.

Estate of O. M. Rogers	\$7.17	
Pay of men as per pay roll	148.00	
	<hr/>	\$155.17

HYDRANT REPAIRS.

Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	45.00	
Rensselaer Valve Co.	7.14	
Pay of men as per pay roll	65.50	
	<hr/>	\$117.64

RENEWAL OF SERVICE.

Chadwick Boston Lead Co.	\$91.68	
Pay of men as per pay roll	155.00	
	<hr/>	\$246.68

STABLE.

H. W. Borden	5.41	
T. South	11.10	
H. B. Whitman	6.00	
W. I. Jordan	2.45	
Edward Shay	17.50	
T. J. Cain	199.25	
Pay of men as per pay roll	33.00	
	<hr/>	\$274.71

TOOLS.

Fairbanks Co.	\$4.10	
Walworth Mfg. Co.	8.75	
Edson Mfg. Co.	6.35	
R. Belyea	1.00	
Curry Bros. Oil Co.	1.80	
Pinel Tool Co.	5.23	
H. A. Simonds	1.50	
W. H. Cobb	17.15	
J. Nicol	9.00	
R. E. Whitman	10.00	
W. I. Jordan	6.85	
	<hr/>	\$71.73

METERS.

National Meter Co.	\$787.87	
R. A. Gage	3.13	
		<hr/> \$791.00

READING, INSPECTING AND TESTING METERS.

M. A. Haskell & Co.	12.43	
T. J. Cain	96.33	
Pay of men as per pay roll	1,098.20	
		<hr/> \$1,206.96

METER REPAIRS.

National Meter Co.	\$75.73	
Adams Epress	3.13	
R. A. Gage	3.54	
T. J. Cain	230.00	
Pay of men as per payroll	488.00	
		<hr/> \$800.40

MAIN PIPE EXTENSIONS.

Builders' Iron Foundry Co.	\$37.98	
A. J. Carlson	6.40	
Harold L. Bond Co.	13.78	
Standard Oil Co.	3.50	
Quincy Water Dept.	32.50	
R. A. Gage	47.17	
Chadwick Boston Lead Co.	53.68	
Rensselaer Valve Co.	267.60	
Hamilton Flood	1,138.13	
Pay of men as per pay roll	833.14	
		<hr/> \$2,433.88

MAIN PIPE REPAIRS.

Pay of men as per pay roll	\$68.50	
		<hr/> \$68.50

LIBERTY STREET EXTENSION.

Boston Post, advertising	}	\$8.30
Boston Globe, advertising		6.60
Engineering News, advertising		9.90

Pratt & Pratt, printing plans and specifications	50.00	
G. H. Wetherbee, Jr., survey and plans	59.00	
Hamilton Flood	8,930.00	
		<hr/> \$9,063.80

POLICING SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY.

John P. Shay	\$114.70	
		<hr/> \$114.70

INSURANCE.

George E. Sampson	\$341.70	
Hartford Boiler Insp. and Ins. Co. ..	122.00	
		<hr/> \$463.70

AUTOMOBILE.

W. A. Carson	} New Truck	\$375.00	
T. South		78.00	
G. W. Walsh		49.50	
Chandler & Farquhar		9.25	
B. Kupferman		10.00	
Central Garage		64.56	
A. S. Morss & Co.		1.33	
W. E. Maybury, cash expenses		5.00	
Curry Bros. Oil Co.	} Supt. Auto.	13.00	
Curry Bros. Oil Co.		14.00	
C. N. Glines		2.50	
Monatiquot Garage		7.25	
F. W. Bent		84.36	
M. A. Haskell & Co.		1.85	
Quincy Oil Co.		10.50	
W. E. Maybury Auto Express .		112.08	
		<hr/>	\$838.18

GARAGE.

W. F. Bourbeau	\$40
Woodsum Coal Co.	11.27
Alfred McGlone	62.50

J. W. Pratt	500.00	
Pay of men as per pay roll	156.00	
	<hr/>	\$730.17

SUPERINTENDENTS.

W. E. Maybury	\$1,500.00	
W. E. Maybury, car fares and postage	10.75	
	<hr/>	\$1,510.75

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance	\$2,487.18	
Little Pond Station	108.71	
Great Pond Station	4,307.45	
Rebuilding King Hill Road	112.50	
Service work outside street lines	2,263.19	
Service work in streets	1,350.26	
Service repairs in street	155.17	
Hydrant repairs	117.64	
Renewal of service	246.68	
Stable	274.71	
Tools	71.73	
Meters	791.00	
Reading, inspecting and testing meters	1,206.96	
Meter repairs	800.40	
Main pipe extensions	2,433.88	
Main pipe repairs	68.50	
Liberty Street extension	9,063.80	
Policing sources of water supply	114.70	
Insurance	463.70	
Automobile	838.18	
Garage	730.17	
Superintendent	1,510.75	
	<hr/>	\$29,517.26
261 Orders drawn on Treasurer		\$29,517.26

Benjamin F. Dyer, Treasurer.

Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer Pro Tem.

In Account with Board of Water Commissioners,
January 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915, inclusive.

Balance January 1, 1915	\$167.43	
W. L. Gage, Collector	26,859.73	
Interest, Merchants National Bank ..	34.14	
Town of Braintree, 258 hydrants, \$25 .	6,450.00	
Loan for Liberty Street extension	5,000.00	
Town appropriation for Liberty St. extension	4,000.00	
Paid 261 orders		\$29,517.26
Coupons to Dec. 1, 1915, on bonds, \$129,000		5,160.00
Interest on Dec. 1, 1915, on registered, \$21,000		840.00
Interest to Jan. 1, 1916, on registered \$28,000		1,120.00
Coupons to Jan. 1, 1916, on \$72,000 ..		2,880.00
Interest to Aug. 1, 1915, on \$6,000, 1926 note		240.00
Interest to July 15, 1915, on serials, \$5,000, Mayflower Park		200.00
Coupons to Oct. 1, 1915, on serials ex- tension, \$10,500		420.00
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Bonds due Oct. 1, 1915, No. 78		1,500.00
Balance in Merchants' National Bank		633.84
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	\$42,511.70	\$42,511.70

We have examined the above account and find it correct
and properly vouched.

Balance, \$633.84, on deposit in Merchants' National
Bank, Boston.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors, 1915.

NUMBER, LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF VALVES SET IN
CONSTRUCTION DURING 1915.

W. E. MAYBURY, SUPERINTENDENT.

Valve No.	Street.	Location and Position.	Valve Size.			
			6	4	1½	
460	Smith Terrace	On south line, Smith St.		1		1
†461	B. V. French St.	On east line, Middle St.				
462	Carter Ave.	On south line, Pond St.		1		
x463	Carter Ave.	On 12-inch main as a part of tap; open to right; no box	1			
464	Georgianna St.	On east line, Washington St.	1			
465	Georgianna St.	On 10-inch main as a part of tap; open to right; no box	1			
466	Ferncroft Road	On north line, Glenrose Ave.		1		
x467	Vinedale Road	On south line, Glenrose Ave.		1		
468	Liberty St.	In main 14 ft. 9 in, north of hydrant at Wm. Buker's barn	1			
469	Liberty St.	In main 8 ft. 11 in. south of hydrant at F. E. Cross' residence				
470	Liberty St.	In main on north line, Middle St.	1			
471	Liberty St.	In main on south line, Middle St.	1			
472	Liberty St.	In main on south line, Pearl St.	1			
473	Liberty St.	In main on south line, Plain St.	1			

476	Liberty St.	In blow-off branch 225 ft. north of hydrant at Otto W. F. Schrader's and 7 ft. east of west, line of Liberty St.	1
477	Liberty St.	In main on north line of Division St.	1
478	Liberty St.	In main 8 ft. north of hydrant at Joseph L. Hobart's residence	1
479	Arborway Drive	On east line, Quincy Ave.	1
480	Pleasant View Ave.	On west line, Ferncroft Road	1
481	Ferncroft Road	On south line, Pleasant View Ave.	1
482	Ferncroft Road	On north line, Audubon Ave.	1
483	Ferncroft Road	On north line, Inglewood St.	1
484	Inglewood St.	On east line, Ferncroft Road	1
485	Webster Road	On east line, Washington St.	1
486	Webster Road	In 10-in. main as a part of tap; open to right; no box	1
487	Franklin St. at Engine House No. 1	In hydrant branch, bolted to hydrant, 1 ft. off	1
488	Commercial St. at Union Congregational Ch.	In hydrant branch, 2 ft. off	1

CONSTRUCTION.

Turn to Open.	Bell or Spigot.	Makers.
Left † Left x Right	Bell Screwed Bell and Flange	Rensselaer Valve Co. Chapman Valve Co. A. P. Smith Co.

NUMBER, LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF
HYDRANTS SET IN EXTENSIONS IN 1915.

Hydrant Number.	Street.	Location and Position.	Nozzle 2 Hose 1 Steamer	Nozzle 2 Hose	Length of Hydrant Branch
					Relo- cated. Ft. In
262	Wilson Ave.	On end of main 334 ft. east of			
	Original No. 262	Middle St.		1	6 0
269	Liberty St.	At barn of Wm. Buker	1		7 8
270	Liberty St.	At res. of F. E. Cross	1		4 6
271	Liberty St.	At Miss Mary C. Thayer's	1		4 6
272	Liberty St.	Cor. Middle St.	1		4 8
273	Liberty St.	Opposite Strather residence	1		7 6
274	Liberty St.	At Wentworth barn	1		4 0
275	Liberty St.	On end of main at Otto W. F.			
		Schrader	1		6 6
276	Liberty St.	75 ft. South of Orin H. Belcher's	1		7 0
277	Liberty St.	At res. of Joseph L. Hobart	1		5 3
278	Liberty St.	At res. of J. H. Lake	1		6 6
279	Liberty St.	On end of main at res. of S. F.			
		Hawes	1		.6 6
280	Arborway Drive	814 ft. East of Quincy Ave.	1		7 0
281	Ferncroft Road	Cor. of Trefton Road	1		7 0
282	Inglewood St.	Cor. of Ferncroft Road	1		6 0
283	Inglewood St.	End of main near shore	1		7 0
284	Webster Road	695 ft. East of Washington St.	1		8 0

CONSTRUCTION.

Turn to Open.	Bolted or Bell.	First Case.	Maker.
Left	Bell	No	Rensselaer Valve Co.

Total number of valves in operation Dec. 31, 1915.....	486
Total number of hydrants in operation Dec. 31, 1915.....	284

PUMPING RECORD FOR 1915.

	Gallons Pumped at G. P.	Time at G. P.	Coal Used at G. P.	Gallons Pumped with 100 lbs. of Coal.
January	14,788,051	227-30	59,120	25,014
February	12,519,633	195-10	50,845	24,622
March	14,342,160	236-25	53,865	26,626
April	13,651,743	266-15	48,675	28,046
May	16,744,686	276	59,105	28,330
June	16,149,361	262-35	55,780	28,952
July	14,156,247	231-45	51,585	27,442
August	15,252,405	249-25	55,715	27,375
September	14,881,335	238-50	53,785	27,709
October	15,574,305	259-35	57,255	27,704
November	15,673,812	256-45	56,990	27,502
December	17,752,497	289-15	63,855	27,801
Total	181,666,235	2,989-30	666,575	
Daily Average	497,713	8-11	1,826	27,243

Largest day's pumping, November 4, gallons924,567

Smallest day's pumping, August 1, gallons333,409

J. W. MULCAHY, Engineer.

METER RECORD.

Meters in Use December 31, 1915.

Kind and Size.	$\frac{5}{8}$ "	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	1"	$1\frac{1}{2}$ "	2"	3"	4"	6"	
Crown		48	3	9	3	2	1	1	67
Empire	1749	16							1765
Gem					5				5
Worthington					1				1
Hersey	4								4
Lambert	1								1
	1754	64	3	9	9	2	1	1	1843

Sixty-one meters set in 1915.

WATER REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1915.

Water rates charged Jan. 1, 1915, to Dec. 31, 1915	\$25,398.64	
Pipes, labor, etc., charged Jan. 1, 1915, to Dec. 31, 1915	1,939.60	
Water rates outstanding Jan. 1, 1915	2,222.48	
Pipes, labor, etc., outstanding Jan. 1, 1915	522.02	
Summonses collected, 1915	23.75	
Total amount collected 1915		\$27,041.28
Water rates outstanding Dec. 31, 1915		2,399.45
Pipes, labor, etc., outstanding Dec. 31, 1915		634.35
Abatements		30.91
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	\$30,105.99	\$30,105.99

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.**Dr.**

Cash balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1915 ..	\$152.06
Total collections, 1915	27,041.28

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Paid to Treas, as per receipts on file	\$26,859.73
Cash balance on hand Dec. 31, 1915 ..	333.61
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	\$27,193.34
	\$27,193.34

We have examined the foregoing report of the Registrar and Collector, comparing it with the Treasurer's receipts and vouchers and approve the same.

On account of the great amount of time and detail required the income of this department has not been audited.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,
Auditors for 1915.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Water Commissioners of the
Town of Braintree,

Gentlemen: The Superintendent of the Water Department respectfully submits his annual report for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Eighty-nine service pipes were laid during the year. Kind of pipe, size and number of feet laid as follows:

	Ft.	In.
Five-eighths-inch lead pipe	3308	10
Three-fourths-inch lead pipe	64	8
Three-fourths-inch galvanized iron pipe	1090	2
One-inch galvanized iron pipe	1611	2
One and one-half-inch galvanized iron pipe	1520	0
Two-inch galvanized iron pipe	30	0
	7,624	10

Total service pipe in system Dec. 31, 1915, 144,493 feet, 8 inches, or 27 miles, 1,933 feet, 8 inches.

SERVICES RENEWED.

Pipe used as follows:

	Ft.	In.
Five-eighths-inch lead pipe	732	2
Three-fourths-inch galvanized iron pipe	54	0

EXTENSION OF MAINS FOR 1915.

One-inch galvanized iron pipe in Prospect Ave., running east from dead end to dead end ...	61	3
One-inch galvanized iron pipe in Thayer St., run- ning west from dead end to dead end	72	0
One and one-fourth-inch galvanized iron pipe in Standish Ave., running east from dead end to dead end	204	0
Four-inch cast iron pipe in Wilson Ave., running east from dead end to dead end	109	0

	Ft.	In.
Four-inch cast iron pipe in Smith Terrace, running south from Smith St. to dead end.....	122	6
One and one-half-inch galvanized iron pipe in B. V. French St., running east from Middle St. to dead end	331	6
Four-inch cast iron pipe in Carter Ave., running south from Pond St. to dead end	103	0
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Georgianna St., running east from Washington St. to dead end	183	6
Four-inch cast iron pipe in Ferncroft Road, running north from Glenrose Ave.	25	0
Two-inch galvanized iron pipe in Ferncroft Road, running north from four-inch pipe	21	0
One-inch galvanized iron pipe in Ferncroft Road, running north to Harbor Villa Ave.	200	0
One-inch galvanized iron pipe in Harbor Villa Ave., running west from Ferncroft Road to dead end	33	0
Four-inch cast iron pipe in Vinedale Road, running south from Glenrose Ave.	32	6
One and one-half inch galvanized iron pipe in Vinedale Road, running south	120	6
Two-inch galvanized iron pipe in Vinedale Road, running south	21	0
One and one-fourth inch galvanized iron pipe in Vinedale Road, running south to Pleasant View Ave.	63	6
One-inch galvanized iron pipe in Pleasant View-Ave., running west from Vinedale Road to dead end	101	6
One-inch galvanized iron pipe in Bellevue Ave., running east to Phillips St.	155	6
One-inch galvanized iron pipe in Phillips St., running south from Bellevue Ave. to dead end ..	154	6
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Liberty St, northerly section, running south from Wm. Buker's to dead end at Otto W. Schrader's.....	4740	0

	Ft.	In.
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Liberty St., southerly section, running northerly from Division St. to dead end at S. F. Hawes	2480	0
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Arborway Drive, running east from Quincy Ave. to dead end ...	833	6
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Pleasant View Ave., running east from Lot 777 to Ferncroft Road	195	6
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Ferncroft Road, running south to Audubon Ave.	512	0
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Audubon Ave., running west to Ferncroft Road.....	60	4
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Ferncroft Road, running south to Inglewood St.	221	0
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Inglewood St., running east to dead end	655	0
Two-inch galvanized iron pipe in Inglewood St., running westerly from Ferncroft Road to dead end	91	8
Six-inch cast iron pipe in Webster Road, running east from Washington St. to dead end	730	0

HYDRANT BRANCHES.

Six-inch cast iron pipe in branches	115	7
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BLOW OFF.

Four-inch cast iron pipe in blow offs	13	0
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DISTRIBUTION OF MAINS IN OPERATION DECEMBER 31, 1915.

Sixteen-inch cast iron pipe	741	0
Fourteen-inch cast iron pipe	137	0
Twelve-inch cast iron pipe	13,325	6
Ten-inch cast iron pipe	10,502	0
Eight-inch cast iron pipe	19,250	6
Six-inch cast iron pipe	138,994	3
Four-inch cast iron pipe	26,239	1
Two-inch galvanized iron pipe	7,953	8

	Ft.	In.
One and one-half-inch galvanized iron pipe ..	948	6
One and one-quarter-inch galvanized iron pipe	3,156	1
One-inch galvanized iron pipe	11,271	2
Three-fourths-inch galvanized iron pipe	954	10
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	233,473	7

Forty-four miles, 1153 feet, 7 inches.

I desire to call your attention to the large amount of six-inch cast iron pipe laid in the H. S. Moody Land Company's property in Pleasant View Ave., Ferncroft Road, Inglewood Street, Audubon Avenue and Arborway Drive.

All of the above has been done at the expense of the H. S. Moody Land Co., under the direction of the Water Department.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. MAYBURY,
Superintendent.

JURY LIST

As prepared by the Selectmen, February 1, 1916.

Akerstrom, John, 130 Hayward street, harnessmaker.
 Anderson, George L., 358 Elm street, salesman.
 Andrews, George W., 43 Pleasant street, salesman.
 Atkinson, Courtenay, 46 Academy street, clerk.
 Barclay, Willard S., 84 Academy street, carpenter.
 Bates, Louis F., 71 Commercial street, plumber.
 Bates, William, 37 Franklin street, shoemaker.
 Bond, Francis D., 35 Spruce street, clerk.
 Bridgham, Oakes A., 985 Washington street, merchant.
 Bridson Thomas E., 25 Taylor street.
 Burke, Jeremiah, 75 Plain street, car inspector.
 Cain, Ralph C., 2070 Washington street, farmer.
 Carson, Walter, 46 Hollis avenue, salesman.
 Catlin, Seth, Jr., 381 Washington street, broker.
 Chamberlain, Frank A., 20 Frederick road, shoemaker.
 Coleman, Daniel H., 85 Hillside road, clerk.
 Cook, Alfred A., 40 Mt. Vernon avenue, tile mason.
 Cotter, James H., 58 Victoria avenue, shoemaker.
 Crocker, Fred M., 25 Liberty street, machinist.
 Cushman, Henry T., 4 Hall avenue, shoemaker.
 Dobson, George R., 125 Hayward street, carpenter.
 Dow, M. Alva, 87 Middle street, electrician.
 Drake, William R., Highland avenue, poultry dealer.
 Drinkwater, Joseph S., 11 Jersey avenue, bookkeeper.
 Drollett, Arthur W., West street, R. F. D. carrier.
 Dutton, Worthen S., Dearing avenue, salesman.
 Dyer, F. Eugene, 1102 Washington street, bank treasurer.
 Dyer, John B., 27 Academy street, clerk.
 Ellsworth, George G., 117 Adams street, clerk.
 Emerson, Merton L., 135 West street, superintendent.
 Field, William E., 14 Elm Knoll road, architect.
 Folsom, James E., 49 Mt. Vernon street, superintendent.

Gazan, Samuel E., 30 Oak street, salesman.
 Gould, Thomas H., 1461 Washington street, painter.
 Hagan, Hans, Hayward street, carpenter.
 Harrison, William C., 23 Thayer avenue, draftsman.
 Hastings, Arthur H., 70 Ash street, clerk.
 Hathaway, Charles M., 408 Commercial street, electrician.
 Hawes, Benjamin, 516 Middle street, carpenter.
 Hayden, Nelson E., 305 Pond street, shoemaker.
 Hobart, Charles A., 691 Washington street, painter.
 Hobart, Sanford W., 699 Washington street, carpenter.
 Holbrook, Alfred H., Cleveland avenue, carpenter.
 Hollis, Henry M., 157 Middle street, farmer.
 Holmes, George W., 22 Myrtle street, gardener.
 Hunt, Charles Q., 385 West street, farmer.
 Illingworth, John W., 1724 Washington street, lineman.
 Jennings, George W., 317 Washington street, engineer.
 Jordan, Charles G., 155 Allen street, grain dealer.
 Jordan, Frank H., 210 Commercial street, grocer.
 Keating, Gordan M., 132 Cedar street, clerk.
 Kingsbury, George D., 115 River street, bookkeeper.
 Kinna, James T., 159 Hollis avenue, foreman.
 Kirby, John H., Jr., 81 School street, carpenter.
 Kjellander, Edward, 401 Union street, carpenter.
 Knight, Bradford Y., 193 Shaw street, carpenter.
 Landrey, Urban T., 110 Pond street, piano worker.
 Leben, L. Francis, 76 Howard street, machinist.
 Leonard, Fred A., 508 Elm street, builder.
 Loring, George B., off Allen street, boat builder.
 Lothrop, Charles M., 12 French avenue, merchant.
 Ludden, George E., 226 Shaw street, leather worker.
 Macomber, Ellwood G., 16 Highland avenue, machinist.
 McInnis, George A., 169 Hancock street, carpenter.
 McManus, John P., 12 Thayer place, R. R. employee.
 McRae, Augustus, 30 Sheppard avenue, carpenter.
 Miller, Charles O., 38 Liberty street, insurance.
 Morgan, Frank H., 125 Allen street, druggist.
 Newcomb, Willie A., 1151 Washington street, shoemaker.
 Nickson, William, 685 Union street, mill hand.

Osborne, Walter S., Liberty street, shoeworker.
 Pack, Fred P., 16 Brookside road, undertaker.
 Pettendreigh, William, 8 May avenue, machinist.
 Poore, Walter A., 94 Claremont street, grocer.
 Potter, Norton P., 40 Tremont street, salesman.
 Pratt, Stillman F., 365 Washington street, editor.
 Reed, Bert H., 17 Academy street, agent.
 Roobenian, Neshan, 55 Hobart avenue, shoeworker.
 Remick, George A., 20 Lisle street, pattern maker.
 Ryan, Henry L., 285 Liberty street, florist.
 Ryan, John A., 117 Liberty street, carpenter.
 Saunders, Howard M., 21 Franklin street, shoeworker.
 Scollard, Nicholas F., 11 Bowditch street, shoe dealer.
 Shepard, John L., Shepard road, shoeworker.
 Sheppard, Charles G., 120 Quincy avenue, coal dealer.
 Simonds, Walter E., 55 Tremont street, shoeworker.
 Singleton, James, 60 Harrison avenue, superintendent.
 Slade, George H., 454 Washington street, shoeworker.
 Stone, George E., 26 Frederick road, shoeworker.
 Sullivan, John F., 36 Oak street, painter.
 Sullivan, Michael L., Division street, milk dealer.
 Summers, William B., Norfolk road, draftsman.
 Swallow, Fred A., 45 Fountain street, shoeworker.
 Vaughan, Ernest M., 36 Quincy avenue, merchant.
 Watkins, Edwin F., 569 Washington street, R. R. employe.
 Watson, Fred B., Union street, shoeworker.
 Welch, George, Jr., 105 Tremont street, shoeworker.
 White, Hartley L., 40 Maple street, civil engineer.
 Wilken, Andrew, 259 Union street, printer.

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Schoolhouses	Buildings	Contents	Total
Abraham Lincoln	\$18,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$20,000.00
Monatiquot	27,000.00	1,500.00	28,500.00
Noah Torrey	30,000.00	2,000.00	32,000.00
Jonas Perkins	27,000.00	3,000.00	30,000.00
Penniman	13,000.00	1,000.00	14,000.00
Union	8,000.00		8,000.00
Pond	7,800.00	700.00	8,500.00
South	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00
South West	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00
Hollis	45,000.00	2,500.00	47,500.00
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	\$178,300.00	\$12,600.00	\$190,900.00
Town Hall	60,000.00	4,500.00	64,500.00
Alms House	10,000.00	1,200.00	11,200.00
Alms House Barn	1,100.00	650.00	1,750.00
Union Engine House	1,800.00		1,800.00
Butcher Boy Eng. House	1,000.00		1,000.00
Wampatuck Engine House	1,000.00		1,000.00
Thayer Public Library ..	17,699.00	12,301.00	30,000.00
Electric Light Dept.:			
Station and Contents			31,250.00
Office Bldg. and Contents			5,250.00
Boiler Insurance			20,000.00
Fly Wheel Insurance			40,000.00
Water Department:			
Great Pond Sta. Boilers .			10,000.00
Great Pond Sta. Boilers .	3,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00
Little Pond Sta. Boilers .			20,000.00
Town Hall and School-			
houses, Boiler Insurance			30,000.00
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	\$273,899.00	\$38,251.00	\$468,650.00

The Water Department, Electric Light Department and Town carry Employers' Liability Insurance.

The above list comprises all the insurance on Town property which we have found to be in force.

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
FRANK W. COUILLARD,

Auditors for 1915.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1915

Moderator.

BENJAMIN H. WOODSUM.

Selectmen, Highway Surveyors and Overseers of the Poor.

GEORGE H. HOLBROOK,

HENRY M. STORM,

B. HERBERT WOODSUM.

Assessors.

ALBION C. DRINKWATER,

Term expires 1916

HENRY W. MANSFIELD,

Term expires 1917

HENRY M. STORM,

Term expires 1918

Auditors.

FRANK W. COUILLARD,

OTIS B. OAKMAN (resigned),

C. FRED TARBOX.

Water Commissioners and Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

WILLIAM C. HARRISON,

Term expires 1916

JOHN KELLEY,

Term expires 1917

JAMES T. STEVENS

Term expires 1918

Municipal Light Board.

ALEXANDER A. CARSON,

Term expires 1918

CHARLES T. CRANE,

Term expires 1916

NORTON P. POTTER,

Term expires 1917

Board of Health.

JOSEPH G. BAILEY,

Term expires 1916

F. HERBERT GILE,

Term expires 1918

WALTER B. SKINNER,

Term expires 1917

School Committee.

ANN M. BROOKS,

Term expires 1916

JAMES E. FOLSOM,

Term expires 1916

WILLIAM W. GALLAGHER,

Term expires 1917

BENJAMIN HAWES,

Term expires 1918

CARRIE F. LORING,

Term expires 1917

FRANK A. REED,

Term expires 1918

Trustees of the School Fund.

Term expires 1916.

GEORGE H. ARNOLD,

ELMER E. ABERCROMBIE,

BENJAMIN F. DYER,

ARTHUR L. HALE,

HERBERT F. KNEELAND,

OTIS B. OAKMAN,

B. HERBERT WOODSUM.

Trustees Thayer Public Library.

ALBERT E. AVERY,

BENJAMIN F. DYER,

ALVA MORRISON.

WILLIAM GALLAGHER,

Term expires 1917

WILLIAM C. HARDING,

Term expires 1917

Fence Viewers.

GEORGE E. FOGG,

CHARLES S. HANNAFORD,

EUGENE T. NOLTE.

Tax Collector, FRANK A. SMITH.

Tree Warden, CLARENCE R. BESTICK.

Constables.

CLARENCE R. BESTICK,
JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
CHARLES A. HOBART,
HORACE F. HUNT,
JOHN W. ILLINGWORTH,
AUGUST JOHNSON,
ISAAC L. JONES,

JOHN KELLEY,
WILLIAM E. MAYBURY,
JOSEPH F. MOHAN,
JAMES R. QUALEY,
JOHN P. SHAY,
THOMAS SLAVIN,
EDWARD F. STARR,

HARRY S. TARBOX.

Surveyors of Wood and Weighers of Hay.

J. MARCUS ARNOLD, CHARLES G. SHEPPARD,
WILFORD F. WOODSUM.

Surveyors of Lumber.

HERBERT W. BORDEN, GEORGE H. HOLBROOK,
CHARLES O. MILLER.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Police.

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN, Chief.

HORACE F. HUNT (resigned), AUGUST JOHNSON,
GEORGE W. REVIERE, JOHN P. SHAY.

Extra Patrolmen.

PHILIP J. KROHN, THOMAS F. O'MALLEY,
GEORGE W. REVIERE (resigned), PETER J. WARD.

Measurer of Leather, EDWARD H. DRINKWATER.

Field Drivers.

CLARENCE R. BESTICK, CHARLES W. MATTHEWS,
JOSEPHUS SAMPSON.

Engineers of Fire Department.

J. SAMUEL HILL, GEORGE H. HOLBROOK,
FRED A. TENNEY, HENRRY M. STORM,
FRANK O. WHITMARSH, B. HERBERT WOODSUM.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm, FRED B. LAWRENCE.

Board of Registrars.

WILLIAM ALLEN, Term expires 1917
CHARLES B. CUMMINGS, Term expires 1916
WALTER R. McKEAN, Term expires 1918

Sealer of Weights and Measures, CHARLES S. HANNAFORD.

Inspector of Animals, JOSEPHUS SAMPSON.

Inspector of Meat and Provisions, EDWARD O. PIERSON.

Inspector of Plumbing J. EDWARD LUDDEN.

Forest Warden, JAMES M. CUTTING.

Local Moth Superintendent, CLARENCE R. BESTICK.

Superintendent of Plain Street Cemetery, JAMES M. CUTTING.

Burial Agent, HENRY A. MONK.

Superintendent of Braintree Home.

DANIEL JAMES, AMOS L. JOHNSON.

Keepers of Lockup.

DANIEL JAMES, AMOS L. JOHNSON.

Pound Keepers.

DANIEL JAMES, AMOS L. JOHNSON.

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